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Congress Answer To Zetland

Alien Rule Must End Before Real Unity Is Achieved

INDIA'S "FINAL SANCTION LIES IN CIVIL RESISTANCE"

BRITAIN HAS PROVED RELUCTANCE TO PART WITH POWER BY RAISING COMMUNAL QUESTION

Call To Congressmen To Get Ready For Action

WARDHA, Dec. 22.

The Working Committee of the Congress passed the following resolution:—

"The Working Committee has studied with regret the recent pronouncement of the Secretary of State. His reference to the communal question merely clouds the issue and takes the public mind off the central theme that the British have failed to define their war aims especially with regard to India's freedom.

Divide And Rule

In the opinion of the Working Committee the communal question will never be satisfactorily solved so long as the different parties are to look to a third party, through whose favour they expect to gain special privileges even though it may be at the expense of the nation. The rule of a foreign power over a people involves a division among the elements composing it.

Condition For Real Unity

The Congress has never concealed from itself the necessity of uniting the various divisions. It is the one organisation which, in order to maintain its national character, has consistently tried, not always without success, to bring about unity. The Working Committee are convinced that lasting unity will only come when foreign rule is completely withdrawn.

Britain's Reluctance

Events that have happened since the last meeting of the Committee have confirmed this opinion. The Working Committee are aware that the Independence of India cannot be maintained if there are warring elements within the country. The Committee are, therefore, entitled to read in the British Government raising the communal question as reluctance to part with power.

The Only Way

The Constituent Assembly as proposed by the Congress is the only way to attain a final settlement of the communal question. The proposal contemplates the fullest representation of the minorities with separate electorates where necessary. It has already been made clear on behalf of the Congress that minority rights will be protected to the satisfaction of the minorities concerned, differences, if any, being referred to an impartial tribunal.

Final Sanction

Congressmen by now realise that Independence is not to be won without very hard work. Since the Congress is pledged to non-violence, the final sanction behind it is civil resistance which is but a part of Satyagraha. Satyagraha means goodwill to all, especially towards opponents. Therefore, it is the duty of individual Congressmen to promote and seek goodwill.

Prepare For Call

Success of the programme of khaddar, as an accepted symbol of non-violence, harmony and economic independence, is indispensable. The Working Committee, therefore, hopes that all Congress organisations will, by the increased prosecution of the Constructive programme, prove themselves fit to take up the call, when it comes.

INDEPENDENCE DAY PLEDGE

The Congress Working Committee passed the following resolution on Independence Day:—

"The Congress Working Committee draw the attention of all Congress Committees, Congressmen and the country to the necessity of observing properly and with due solemnity the Independence Day on January 26, 1940. Ever since 1930 this day has been regularly observed all over the country and it has become a landmark in our struggle for Independence.

SPECIAL SIGNIFICANCE

Owing to the crisis through which India and the world are now passing and the possibility of our struggle for freedom being continued in an intenser form, the next celebration of this day has a special significance attached to it. This celebration must, therefore, not only be the declaration of our national will to freedom but a preparation for that struggle and a pledge to disciplined action.

TAKE PLEDGE OF INDEPENDENCE

The Working Committee, therefore, call upon all Congress Committees, and individual Congressmen to take the pledge prescribed below in public meetings called for the purpose. Where owing to illness or other physical disability they are unable to be present at a meeting, they should take the pledge in their homes individually or in groups. The Working Committee advise organisations and individuals to notify their Provincial Congress Committees of the meetings held as well as the individual or group pledges taken. The Committee hope that none who does not believe in the con-

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Wardha Session Concludes

Congress To Invite Muslim Leaders To Inquire Into Sukkur Riots

WARDHA, Dec. 22.

The Working Committee had almost a continuous sitting from nine o'clock in the morning till six in the evening with about 90 minutes recess for meals and concluded its session to-day.

No resolution was issued on the Sukkur riots regarding which the Committee had received many reports and representations. It is learnt, however, that the Committee decided to invite one or more prominent Muslim leaders to visit Sukkur and make a report on the affair. No decision has been taken as to who should be invited to undertake this work.

Regarding Noakhali, it is stated that the Committee received information that certain local efforts were being made and so the Committee appears to have decided to await the results of these efforts.

LEADERS LEAVE WARDHA

Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, Mr. Bhulabhai Desai and Dr. Pattabhi Sitaramayya left immediately after the meeting for their respective stations. Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru is leaving to-morrow.

Dr. Rajendra Prasad told the Press that no date has been fixed for the next meeting of the Working Committee, not even an approximate date. This would be decided by him in due course. Dr. Rajendra Prasad is staying back in Wardha for a few days.

Maulana Azad who had to break the course of electric treatment for his leg to attend the meeting of the Working Committee will return to Calcutta to continue the treatment. He hopes to be able to visit the Punjab in January.

NEXT WEEK'S "BIG NEWS"!

TOKYO, Dec. 22.

The Domei Agency states that a forecast that there might be "big news" next week was made by a Japanese Foreign Office spokesman at the end of his Press conference.

He said: "I may possibly be able to give you big news at the next Conference" on December 27.

The American and Soviet correspondents replied that they hoped to see by then, the conclusion of arrangements between Japan and United States and Japan and Soviet Union.—Reuter.

ISOLATION OF BR. & FR. CONCESSIONS

TOKYO, Dec. 22.

The Japanese "isolation" of British and French Concessions in Tientsin will be resumed on Christmas eve in the same form as it existed before the floods swept the city, according to an announcement by the Japanese garrison headquarters in Tientsin. —Reuter.

Anglo-Japanese Negotiations

TOKYO, Dec. 22.

Anglo-Japanese negotiations now proceeding in Tokyo have made "fair progress" according to a Foreign Office spokesman who added that he hoped that Tientsin issues would be settled as a whole, although they were still under discussion.—Reuter.

Gas Explosion In Paris

St. Louis Bridge Blown Up: Casualty List Not Available

PARIS, Dec. 22.

The bridge of Saint Louis linking the island of Saint Louis with the Isle De La Cite, Paris, has collapsed completely and disappeared leaving only the abatments to show where the bridge spanned the river.

It is believed that the disaster was due to a gas explosion and flames are pouring furiously from a broken gas main upon a wrecked abatment.

The number of victims is unknown.

CAUSE OF EXPLOSION

A later cable says:—

The collapse was due to a heavy barge drifting down stream, striking the end of an arch. Three bodies have hitherto been recovered. The total victims are estimated to be about twenty.—Reuter.

TRAIN COLLISION IN BERLIN

Heavy Toll Of Casualties: Seventh Of Its Kind

BERLIN, Dec. 22.

Seventy people were killed and 100 injured in a collision of two Express trains at Genthin (Southwest Berlin) according to the official News Agency.

The Berlin-Neunkirchen express ran at full-speed into the Berlin-Cologne express, which was standing at the station. Both trains were packed with passengers.

This is the seventh serious rail accident in the past few weeks, and in all, 183 people were killed and 257 injured.—Reuter.

POCKET BATTLESHIPS FOR IRELAND

Huge Contract Placed With British Firm

LONDON, Dec. 22.

It is learned in London that a Southampton firm has secured a big contract to build pocket warships for small and swift fleet which the Eire Government is forming to guard the territorial waters of Eire.

Orders are now being placed for motor torpedo boats and other types of fast armed patrol craft to a total value of a quarter million sterling.

A special mission from the Irish Defence Department will shortly visit England to take delivery of the first ships built. It is stated that already Eire Department of Defence is deluged by applicants eager to serve on the new navy.—Reuter.

BIGGER WARSHIPS FOR U. S.?

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.

The advisability of building (65,000 tons) battleships is being explored by the House of Representatives Naval Sub-Committee.

Mr. Scrugham, Chairman of the Sub-Committee, said that the question was decidedly in an exploratory stage. Congress had voted funds for two (45,000 ton) warships early in 1939 and these are still in the planning stage.

The members of the Committee pointed out that the new locks of the Panama Canal could accommodate larger ships than these.—Reuter.

Navy Chief's Surprise For Hitler

GERMAN RAIDER OVER BRITISH TOWN

Air Ministry Denies That British Planes Were Involved In Big Battle Over North Sea Reported From Oslo

LONDON, Dec. 22.

An unidentified 'plane, believed to be enemy, circled over a Suffolk coast town at a great height. Gunfire was heard as it passed and the residents flocked into the streets. No air-raid warning was sounded.

Nazi 'Plane Brought Down?

An enemy 'plane was seen over the East Coast this morning. It is believed to have been brought down at sea.—Reuter.

British 'Planes Bomb German Bases

A Paris cable says:—

British 'planes, according to French military authorities, were active in bombing German warships and patrolling German Seaplane Bases.—Reuter.

R. A. F. Clash With Nazi 'Planes

The Air Ministry announces that enemy aircraft was reported off the Firth of Forth this morning. Fighter aircraft were sent to intercept them. At a considerable height contact was made with one enemy aircraft, "Heinkel Three."

On being engaged the Heinkel dived into clouds followed by the leader of our formation. Emerging between two layers of cloud the enemy was re-engaged and after a further attack by the fighter it continued to dive and was lost in a lower cloud level.

PLANE CRASHES INTO CHURCH

An Air Force plane crashed into a village church near Morpeth on Northumberland, yesterday. The fierce fire following the crash destroyed the church and the plane. Three Air Force men are thought to have lost their lives, a fourth was dragged out injured but alive by civilians at great risk just before the plane caught fire. Three heavy explosions were heard from the plane during the fire. Windows of nearby houses were smashed.

Latest cable from London states that two were killed and one injured in the plane crash.—Reuter.

MAJOR AIR BATTLE IN NORTH SEA

An Oslo cable says:—

A major air battle took place over the North Sea west of Karmoey (Norway) yesterday, according to the "Haugesundsdagbland." The aircraft was first observed flying northward. Machine-gun fire was heard and later about fifty planes were seen flying southwards at great speed. The battle took place well outside Norwegian territorial waters.

London Denial

It is learned at the Air Ministry, says a London cable, that no R. A. F. 'planes were involved in any air battle over the North Sea yesterday.

BELGIAN PROTEST TO BERLIN

BRUSSELS, Dec. 21.

The Government has protested to Germany against flights of German planes over Belgium.

It is officially stated that Belgian fighters and anti-aircraft batteries drove off the foreign planes which flew over various parts of the country to-day.

Encounters occurred in the provinces of Luxembourg and Liege, while at Bruges a German plane, which was engaged by a Belgian patrol, opened fire without effect. —Reuter.

FINE WEATHER ON WESTERN FRONT

But No Major Operation Is Reported

PARIS, December 22.

With the return of fine weather there has been great air activity on the Western Front in the past 24 hours.

Allied 'planes made numerous photographic reconnaissance flights along and immediately behind the German lines and many fighters also went. German reconnaissance 'planes were also active over the Front and even far behind, over the North, North-West and West of France.

NO MAJOR OPERATION

"Reuter" understands that no major operation was reported during the past 24 hours. These flights are simply normal security patrols.

LONDON, Dec. 22.

The Air Ministry casualty list records the names of 40 officers and men killed in action or missing, seven died in active service and one wounded.—Reuter.

ADMIRAL RAEDER'S RESIGNATION

Protest Against "Graf Spee" Incident

LONDON, Dec. 22.

The newspapers discuss reports that Admiral Raeder has offered Herr Hitler his resignation as the result of the "Graf Spee" incident.

"Reuter's" Amsterdam correspondent states that neutral circles in Amsterdam and Berlin know nothing of the report.

CZECH NATIONAL COMMITTEE

The British Government has recognised the Czechoslovak National Committee which has been set up by Dr. Benes to organise a Czech army in France.—Reuter.

RUMANIAN OIL FOR HITLER

BUCHAREST, Dec. 22.

A protocol fixing the German-Rumanian exchange rates for 1940 was signed last night by Dr. Clodius and the Rumanian representative.

The new rate is fixed at 49 1/2 lei to the mark compared with the existing rate of 41 1/2.

It is understood that Rumania has agreed to export to Germany 1,90,000 tons of oil monthly representing over one-third of the total production.—Reuter.

"DELIVERANCE DAY"

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STOP PRESS

SOVIET TROOPS RETREATING

HELSINKI, Dec. 22.

Worried by the victorious Finns, the Russian armies on two fronts in the North and Northeast continue to retreat to-day.

Reports from the Norwegian Frontier state that Red Army in the Pethamo Corridor are retiring rapidly and the roads are littered with abandoned tanks, frozen up in the intense cold and also guns and ammunition.

Cold is believed to have caused more casualties than fighting. There is speculation here whether the Russians in the North have decided to go to winter quarters or postpone activity at any rate until the weather improves.

Meanwhile, the Finnish counter-offensive on Salla front is declared to be "a decided victory."

Heroic exploits are reported by one detachment, while another claims to have annihilated a battalion of 600 men. One version puts the Russian losses at 30,000 including dead, wounded and frost-bitten.—Reuter.

"DOG FIGHT" NEAR MAGINOT LINE

LONDON, December 22.

The British fighters who attacked Heinkels on the Firth of Forth report that apparently one Heinkel sustained a direct hit and was emitting black smoke when it dived into the clouds and a splash of foam was seen below the place of combat.

"A dog fight" between three R. A. F. fighters and four Messerschmidts occurred this afternoon near the Maginot Line in Eastern France. The British aircraft claim to have shot down two enemy 'planes, but darkness fell before they could be located. Two British 'planes, hurricane fighters were brought down and the pilots were killed.—Reuter.

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College of Dentistry: Intensely Practical Dental training. Excellent facilities. Efficient staff. Modern buildings and equipment. Session begins 15th January. For illustrated Prospectus, apply: Principal, Dr. M. K. Patel, D.D.S., Hospital Road, Karachi. (1472)

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In connection with the Mahim Fair, the public are hereby informed that a portion of Cadell Road from its junction with Lady Jamshedji Road to its junction with Pedhi Road will be CLOSED to all vehicular traffic from the midnight of the 24th December, 1939, to 6-00 a.m. on the 4th January, 1940.

This order is made under the provisions of section 23(4) of the City of Bombay Police Act, IV of 1902.

W. R. G. SMITH.
Commissioner of Police.
Head Police Office,
Bombay, 18th December, 1939.

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THE MANDRA-BHON RAILWAY COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the TWENTY-SEVENTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of The Mandra-Bhon Railway Company, Limited, will be held on THURSDAY, the 11th day of January, 1940, at 4-15 p.m., at the Registered Office of the Company, Home Street, Fort, Bombay, to transact the following business:—

1st.—To adopt the Directors' Report and Audited Statement of Accounts made up to 30th September, 1939.
2nd.—To declare a Dividend.
3rd.—To elect Directors in the place of Sir Purshotamdas Thakurdas, Kt., C.I.E., M. B. E., and Mr. Ambalal Sarabhai who retire by rotation, but are eligible and offer themselves for re-election.
4th.—To appoint Auditors for the current year and fix their remuneration.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, the 27th December 1939 to THURSDAY, the 11th January 1940, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
KILLICK, NIXON & CO.,
Agents.
Bombay, 14th December, 1939.

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THE MORARJEE GOCULDAS SPINNING & WEAVING CO., LTD.

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For The Morarjee Goculdas Spg. & Wvg. Co., Ltd.
GANESHNARAYAN PIRAMAL,
Agents.

Soparibaug Road,
Parel, Bombay.
Date, 20th December, 1939.

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(1637)

KING EDWARD VII MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, BOMBAY. NOTICE

TENDERS ARE INVITED for the supply of Provisions to the K.E.M. Hospital and Seth G. S. Medical College, Parel, Bombay, for one year, commencing from 1st March, 1940.

Tenders should be addressed to the Municipal Commissioner for the City of Bombay and delivered in the Office of the Chief Accountant, Municipal Offices, Hornby Road, Fort, Bombay, not later than 1 p.m. (B.T.) Wednesday, the 10th January, 1940, together with an earnest money deposit of Rs. 1,000. Tenders must be enclosed in sealed envelopes superscribed "Tenders for the supply of provisions to the K. E. M. Hospital."

Forms of contract, specification, etc. and any other information that may be required will be supplied by the Dean's Office, K.E.M. Hospital, Parel, Bombay, on personal application. A charge of Rs 2/- will have to be paid for each set of tender forms.

The attention of the tenderers is invited to the general directions, specifications etc. published with the tender.

JIVRAJ N. MEHTA,
M.D. (Lond:), M.R.C.P. (Lond:)
DEAN.

Parel, Bombay.
15-12-1939.

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THE SIALKOT-NAROWAL RAILWAY COMPANY, LIMITED.

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NOTICE

SEALED TENDERS ARE INVITED for the supply of about 1,000 tons of Steam Coal to this Municipality during the year 1940-41. The coal to be supplied in roof covered wagons.

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(Sd.) V. K. BHEDASGAONKAR,
Chief Officer,
Nasik Municipality.

Municipal Office:
20th December, 1939.

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NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Mr. NARSOO VITHOBA NAKHWA of Bombay Hindu Inhabitant has contracted to sell the undermentioned property to our clients.

ALL persons having any claim against or to the said property by way of inheritance, mortgage, sale, gift, lease, lien, charge, trust, maintenance, easement or otherwise howsoever are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office at No. 101, Esplanade Road, Fort, Bombay, within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed without reference to such claim and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

THE SCHEDULE ABOVE REFERRED TO

ALL THAT piece or parcel of Quit and Ground Rent land with the messuage tenement or dwelling house standing thereon situate lying and being at Second Koli Lane in Lower Colaba, outside the Fort of Bombay, now admeasuring 90 square yards or thereabouts and registered in the Books of the Collector of Land Revenue under Old Nos. 11 and 12, New Nos. 4711 and 4712, Old Survey Nos. 15 and 14 and New Survey No. 9685 and Cadastral Survey No. 300 of Colaba Division and assessed by the Assessor and Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes under "A" Ward No. 796 and Street No. 3 Second Koli Lane and bounded as follows:—that is to say, on or towards the East by the house of Mahomed Jaffer Miakhan and brothers, on or towards the West by the premises of Bala alias Rama Kamla and others, on or towards the North by a Public Passage and on or towards the South by a Government Ground formerly known as Alloo Parsoo Ground and Public Privy.

Bombay, Dated this 22nd day of December, 1939.

KHANDERAO LAUD & CO.,
Purchasers' Attorneys.

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Legal Notices

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that OUR CLIENT has purchased the undermentioned PROPERTIES at the Auction Sale held on the 18th day of December, 1939, at the instance of Mr. Kakalbhai Bhudharbhai and Others, the present Trustees of Shri Mahavira Jaina Vidyalaya, Seth Sarabhai Maganlal Modi Uchha Shikshan Sahayak Trust and Seth Sarabhai Maganlal Mody Loan Scholarship Fund and the Mortgagees and the Transferees of the two Indentures of Mortgage both dated the 9th July, 1932, ON ACCOUNT AND AT THE RISK OF THE MORTGAGORS MESSRS. KUSHABA CHAPAJI KALE and others, in exercise of the Power of Sale contained in the two Indentures of Mortgage both dated the 9th day of July, 1932 and the Transfer of Mortgage dated 20th September, 1934 and a Deed of Further Charge dated 28th April, 1936 in respect of the undermentioned properties.

All persons having any claim against or to the said properties by way of inheritance, mortgage, sale, gift, lease, lien, charge, trust maintenance, easement or otherwise howsoever are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office at Lentin Chambers, Dalal Street, Fort, Bombay, within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed without reference to such claim and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTIES.

FIRSTLY:—All that piece or parcel of Government Foras land or ground together with the messuages, tenements and dwelling houses standing thereon comprising six chawls situate, lying and being without the Fort of Bombay, on the West side of DeLisle Road in the Registration Sub-District of Bombay, containing by admeasurement four hundred and fifty-two, five hundred, three hundred and eighty, two hundred and seventy and two hundred and seventy-two square yards making an aggregate total of 1874 (One thousand eight hundred and seventy-four) square yards or thereabouts registered in the books of the Collector of Land Revenue under Collector's Old No. 243 and Collector's New Nos. E/13764 and 1/13764, Old Survey No. 386 and New Survey Nos. 2c/3467 and 1c2/3476 and Cadastral Survey No. 1944, Byculla Division, and assessed by the Assessor and Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes under the following Ward and Street Numbers namely

E Ward No.	Street No.
7217	616 M.
7218 (1)	616 L.
7218 (2)	616 K.
7218 (2A)	616 KK.
7218 (3)	616 I.
7218 (4)	616 H.

and bounded as follows: that is to say, on or towards the East by the property of Dattatraya Bayaji Kale, Balaji Bayaji Kale and Baban Bayaji Kale bearing Cadastral Survey No. 1/1944, on or towards the West by the property of the City of Bombay Improvement Trust, on or towards the North Partly by the property of the City of Bombay Improvement Trust and partly by the property of Kazi Abdul Karim Bin Noor Mahomed and on or towards the South by the property of the said Dattatraya Bayaji Kale, Balaji Bayaji Kale and Baban Bayaji Kale bearing Cadastral Survey No. 5/1944.

SECONDLY:—All that piece or parcel of Government Foras land or ground together with the messuages, tenements and dwelling houses standing thereon comprising two chawls situate, lying and being without the Fort of Bombay, on the West side of DeLisle Road in the Registration Sub-District of Bombay, containing by admeasurement three hundred and seventy-four and three hundred and sixty-five square yards making a total of 739 (Seven hundred and thirty-nine) square yards or thereabouts registered in the books of the Collector of Land Revenue under Collector's Old No. 243 and Collector's New No. D/13764, Old Survey No. 386 and New Survey No. 1/3467 (part) and Cadastral Survey No. 4/1944, Byculla Division, and assessed by the Assessor and Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes under "E" Ward No. 7209 (1), Street No. 616B and "E" Ward No. 7209, (2) Street No. 616C and bounded as follows: that is to say, on or towards the East by the property of Dattatraya Bayaji Kale, Balaji Bayaji Kale and Baban Bayaji Kale bearing Cadastral Survey No. 3/1944, on or towards the West by the property of the said Dattatraya Bayaji Kale, Balaji Bayaji Kale and Baban Bayaji Kale bearing Cadastral Survey No. 5/1944, on or towards the North partly by the property hereinbefore firstly described and partly by the property of the said Dattatraya Bayaji Kale, Balaji Bayaji Kale and Baban Bayaji Kale bearing Cadastral Survey No. 1/1944 and on or towards the South by the properties of the City of Bombay Improvement Trust. (The correct New No. is 13764 and New Survey No. is 1/3467 according to Survey Register of the City of Bombay.)

THIRDLY:—All that piece or parcel of Government Foras land or ground together with the messuages tenements and dwelling houses standing thereon comprising a chawl having shops on the ground floor, situate, lying and being without the Fort of Bombay, on the West side of DeLisle Road in the Registration Sub-District of Bombay, containing by admeasurement 389 (three hundred and eighty-nine) square yards or thereabouts registered in the books of the Collector of Land Revenue under Collector's Old No. 243, Collector's New No. J/13764, Old Survey No. 386 and New Survey No. 1cB/3467 and Cadastral Survey No. 2/1944 of Byculla Division and assessed by the Assessor and Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes under "E" Ward Nos. 7210 and 7213 and Street Nos. 612, 612A, 612B, 614 and 614B and bounded as follows: that is to say, on or towards the East by the DeLisle Road, on towards the West by the property of Dattatraya Bayaji Kale, Balaji Bayaji Kale and Baban Bayaji Kale bearing Cadastral Survey No. 1/1944, on or towards the North by the property of the said Kazi Abdul Karim Bin Noor Mahomed and on or towards the South by the property of the said Dattatraya Bayaji Kale, Balaji Bayaji Kale and Baban Bayaji Kale bearing Cadastral Survey No. 3/1944 (The correct New Survey No. is 1c3/3467 according to the Survey Register of the City of Bombay.

Dated this 22nd day of December, 1939.

AMBUBHAI & DIWANJI,
Attorneys for the Purchaser.

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NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that RAMJI AMRATLAL MAKWANA, of Bombay Hindu inhabitant and DINSHAW BURJORJI DOCTOR and ERUCH ARDESHIR TARAPORE of Bombay Parsi inhabitants carrying on business in partnership under the name and style of the Eastern Construction Co., have with the consent of Burjor Hormusji Poonegar and Nusserwan Hormusji Poonegar their Lessors contracted to sell the undermentioned property to our clients. Any person having any claim in or to the said propetry or any part thereof by way of sale, exchange, mortgage, gift, trust, inheritance, possession, lease, lien, easement or otherwise is hereby required to make the same known in writing to us at our Office No. 17-19, Dalal Street, Fort, Bombay, and to the Assessor of Municipal Rates and Taxes within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed without any regard to any such claim and the same will be considered as waived.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY

ALL that piece or parcel of land or ground of Foras Tenure being Plot No. 8 shown on a certain map or plan thereof annexed to the articles of Agreement dated 21st October, 1937 and made between Burjor Hormusji Poonegar and Nusserwan Hormusji Poonegar of the one part and the said Ramji Amratlal Makwana, Dinshaw Burjorji Doctor and Eruch Ardeshir Tarapore of the other part and registered at the Bombay Sub Registry Office on the 2nd day of April, 1938, under No. 497 of Book No. 1 together with the messuages tenements or dwelling house and garages standing thereon, situate on the East side of Sleater Road near Grant Road Station without the Fort of Bombay in the Registration Sub-district of Bombay, containing by admeasurement 664 5/9 Square Yards or thereabouts and registered in the Books of the Collector of Land Revenue under Cadastral Survey No 1 H/56 of Tardeo Division and bounded as follows:—that is to say, on or towards the East by the B.B. & C.I. Railway Lines, on or towards the West by Plot No. 9 bearing C.S. No. 1 I/56 and beyond that by Sleater Road aforesaid, on or towards the North by Plot No. 10 bearing C.S. No. 1 J/56 and on or towards the South by Plot No. 7 bearing C.S. No. 1 G/56 and which said premises are assessed by the Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes under D Ward No. 3681 (8) and Street No 15 A.

Dated this 22nd day of December, 1939.

FRAMJI J. JESIA & Co.,
Purchasers' Attorneys

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Tatuta Maru	20 Dec.	28 Dec.
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Kamakura Maru	.....	25 Jan.
Asama Maru	14 Feb.	22 Feb.
Tatuta Maru	28 Feb.	7 Mar.

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On The Air

Saturday, Dec. 23.

Delhi I—Programme
338.6 metres (886 kc/s)
5 p.m. Saz Sangeet. 5-25 Bande Hasan. 5-35 A Duet by Aziz and Irshad. 5-40 For the Children. 6-15 Benazirbai 6-30 For Villagers only. 7-15 Duets with dialogue. 7-30 Rehman Khan. 7-45 Songs from the South. 8 Englisti woman 80 Years ago: Home and Abroad: Talk. 8-15 A Vichitra Veena recital by Habib Ali Khan. 8-25 Barkat Ali Khan of Lahore. 8-50 A Pakhawaj recital by Malang Khan. 10 A Musical Miscellany.

Delhi II—Programme
60.48 metres (4,960 kc/s)
5 p.m. to 6-30 As in Delhi 1. 6-30 Rehman Khan of Sikar. 6-45 Janaki Anantanarayanan: Veena and vocal 7 Barkat Ali Khan. 7-15 to 7-30 As in Delhi 1. 7-30 Benazirbai. 7-40 Bande Hasan. 7-50 Habib Ali Khan Beenkar: Vichitra Veena. 8 to 10 As in Delhi 1. 10 Barkat Ali Khan of Lahore.

Lahore Programme
276 metres (1,086 kc/s)
6-10 p.m. For the Countryside 7 Anwarbai of Amritsar. 7-20 Ramanand Sharma. 7-30 Stepping Stone of Civilisation. 6: Electricity: Talk in Hindustani 7-45 Ali Bakhsh Zuhoor. 8 Khangi Siyasat: Play in Hindustani. 8-35 Ummeed Ali Khan. 8-45 Ramanand Sharma. 9-50 Ummeed Ali Khan. 10 5 Anwarbai of Amritsar.

Bombay I & II Programmes
244 metres (1,231 kc/s)
31.4 metres (9,550 kc/s)
8 a.m. Keep fit. 8-10 Indian music. 8-15 News in Marathi. 8-22 News in Gujarati. 8-25 to 10 As in Delhi 1.
11-30 a.m. to 12-57 p.m. As in Delhi 1, 12-57 News in Hindustani. 1 to 1-30 As in Delhi 1. 1-30 News in English. 1-35 to 2 As in Delhi 1.
244 metres (1,231 kc/s)
61.48 metres (4,880 kc/s)
5 p.m. to 5-25 As in Delhi 1. 5-25 News in Marathi. 5-30 News in Gujarati. 5-35 to 6 As in Delhi 1. 6 News in English. 6-5 News in Hindustani. 6-10 Indian music. 6-45 Now that I am 60: Talk in Marathi. 7 to 7-30 As in Delhi 2. 7-30 Commercial news. 7-45 Indian music. 7-55 News in Marathi. 8-10 News in Gujarati. 8-25 to 9 As in Delhi 2. 9 News in Hindustani. 9-20 News in English followed by a relay of the B B C news bulletin. 9-45 to 10-30 As in Delhi 2. 10-30 Late news.

Lucknow Programme
293.5 metres (1,022 kc/s)
6-10 Bismillah and Party: Shahnai. 6-20 Kumari Sarojini Mathur. 6-30 Hamara Panchayetghar: For rural areas. 7 Munnibai of Hardoi. 7-10 Bismillah and Party: Shahnai. 7-15 Saheli Boojh Paheli: For Girls only. 7-45 Recitation from World Poetry: 8, Grace Anacreon and Anacreontics (6th century B C) 7-55 Kumari Sarojini Mathur. 8 How I Won: Stardom: Talk in Hindustani by Miss Kamlesh Kumari. 8-15 Laila Rookh. 2: Paradise and the Peri: Dramatised feature in Hindustani. 8-45 Munnibai of Hardoi. 8-55 Bismillah and Party: Shahnai. 9-45 Recorded music. 9-50 Plays Yesterday and To-day. 3: Poets and Drama: Talk. 10-5 Rail ke Musafir: Playlet in Hindustani. 10-20 Munnibai of Hardoi.

Calcutta I—Programme
(Add 24 minutes for Calcutta time)
370.4 metres (810 kc/s)
5 p.m. For the Countryside. 5-50 For the Countryside (Contd.) 6-10 Animesh Mullick. 6-20 Satyendra Nath Sen. 6-30 Mastan Gama. 6 50 Indubala: Qawwali and Naat. 7-10 Sadhan Sangit by Indubala. 7-20 Bhaktavatsal: Musical sketch. 8-5 Doctor, 6. 8-20 Jyotish Chowdhuri. 9 Marek Weber and his Orchestra. 9-45 Dance music.

Calcutta II—Programme
61.98 metres (4,840 kc/s)
5 p.m. to 9-30 As in Calcutta 1. 9-30 Saila Devi. 9-55 For Oriya Listeners.

Dacca Programme
257 metres (1,167 kc/s)
5 p.m. All Classical. 5-30 Hashnuhana Bannerjee. 5-50 Hashnuhana Bannerjee. 6-5 Toyland (Khelgar) For Children Only. 7 Rohi Guha Mazumder. 7-20 Gopi Nath Bhattacharya. 7-35 Sachin Das Matilal. 8-5 Promoda Dassi. 8-25 Ganen Chakravarti. 9-5 Promoda Dassi: Dadra. 9-45 Ganen Chakravarti. 10 Sachin Das Motilal.

Madras—I Programme
211 metres (1,420 kc/s)
4 p.m. For Women (English). 4-30 From Alohsland. Michael Head, song recital. 5 Carnatic Orchestra. 5-20 P. Malayappa Sastri.: Voice. 6-5 Shrimati Saraswati: Voice. 6-25 P. Malayappa Sastri: Voice. 6-45 Ithu Yennadi Koothu: Play in Tamil. 7-50 T. Chowdiah: Violin. 9 The Under 25 Club: Subject: Equality.

Madras II—Programme
61.98 metres (4,920 kc/s)
4 p.m. to 6-5 As in Madras 1. 6-5 For rural areas only. 6-15 Vegetable Gardening: Dialogue in Telugu. 6-25 Kosta Vinthalu. 6-30 Light songs by Kumari Balamba. 6-40 Do you know this? 6-45 to 9-30 As in Madras 1. 9-30 Handel Manuel: Pianoforte. 9-50 Benny Goodman, the Kind of Swing.

Hyderabad Programme
411 metres (730 kc/s)
5-30 p.m. Prof. S. V. Mantri—music. 6 "Women's Language" talk by Mr. A. H. Hasan. 6-15 Zohra Jan—music. 6-50 Orchestra—'Bhajan.' 7 to 7-30 For Children (Urdu). 7-30 Prof. S. V. Mantri—music. 7-45 Zohra Jan—music. 8-45 Zohra Jan—music and classical. 9-05 Prof. S. V. Mantri—music. 9-35 Zohra Jan—music.

RAILWAY TIME TABLE

G. I. P. Railway

	Arr. H.M.	Dep. H.M.
Calcutta Mail (Chheoki)	9-40	20-10
Madras Mail	6-00	22-00
Peshawar-Lucknow (Express)	6-15	22-30
Calcutta Mail (Nagpur)	9-10	17-40
Madras Express	10-15	14-25
Poona Mail	10-30	17 30
Punjab Mail	12-35	17-20
Nagpur Express	15-00	20-55
Poona Fast Pass.	16-50	11-50
Poona Express	19-32	8-05
Allahabad Express	21-00	6-15

B. B. and C. I. Railway

	Arr.	Dep.
Ahmedabad Passenger	5 35	13-50
Delhi Express	6-00	22-15
Kathiawar Mail	6-45	21-30
Gujarat Mail	7-25	22-00
Frontier Mail	8-15 (Mon.)	21-15 (Sat.)
*The Flying Ranee Surat	9-48	15-10
The Flying Ranee Surat	10-58	18 05
Ahmedabad Passenger	14 15	22 30
Kathiawar Express	15 4[illegible]	[illegible]
Baroda Passenger	20-37	9-25

*If Monday is a Bank Holiday this train will run on Tuesday.
(N.B.—As Monday, 25th and Tuesday, 26th December, are Bank Holidays, this train will run on Wednesday, 27th December)

Arrivals at Ballard Pier

for London	8-40
Frontier Mail (on Saturday only)	

Trade And Wall-Street Buying In N. Y. Cotton Market

SCARCITY OF CONTRACTS

Sharp Falling Of Repossessions

Bombay, Dec 22
The New York cotton market advanced on Thursday in sympathy with foreign markets and sharp falling of repossessions after the recent decline The market advanced on trade, Far-Eastern and Wall Street buying which absorbed foreign liquidation and hedging. Prices advanced further on persistent price fixing Spot houses buying and covering and lack of offerings imparted steadiness.
At the opening March was quoted 10 points up at 10.73 and declined to 10.68 which was the lowest level and later prices advanced to 10.88 which was the highest level. The market closed at a net rise of 20 to 26 points. Spot cotton prices advanced 25 points at 11.31c. per lb

NEW ORLEANS MARKET
The New Orleans cotton futures market was also fairly firm and closed at a rise of 21 to 22 points. Spot cotton prices were raised 22 points at 10.95c. per lb.

LIVERPOOL MARKET
The Liverpool cotton futures market opened at a rise of 11 points with January 8.36. Commission houses bought on recovery in Bombay. Contracts were scarce but later there was American hedging. There was holiday feeling and the market closed at a net rise of 9 to 11 points. Middling American Spot cotton prices gained 9 points at 8 70d. per lb.

EGYPTIAN COTTON
Uppers futures advanced 20 to 22 points and Giza futures closed 8 to 22 points up. The Alexandria cotton market was irregular. Sakels futures closed 5 points up to 18 points down and Ashmouni futures advanced 20 to 17 points.

BASIS FIRM
Messrs. P. Chrystal and Co. have issued the following weekly report:—
We have had yet another week of wide fluctuating markets but the tone has been definitely reactionary and a decline of some importance has taken place The optimistic estimate of internal consumption in the United States of America last month was confirmed when the official figure was published at 715,000 bales. However on the advance of the near positions in New York to over 11 1/2 cents a considerable amount of Loan cotton was repossessed and sold by farmers apparently to provide some additional money for Christmas expenses. This started a reaction which has been even more pronounced in other markets and we finish the week under review with prices about the lowest for this week. After the substantial advance of recent weeks a good reaction was overdue and the shake out in New York should leave the market in a better technical condition. The prospective offtake for the season is substantially in excess of this season's growth and the deficit can be made up only by considerable withdrawals from the Loan. This cotton will be available to the market only at higher prices as the season progresses and purchases of July Futures at present prices or on any further decline appear to be a good proposition.

WEIGHT OF CROP
In Bombay once more we have experienced wide fluctuations in values. The market here is at last beginning to feel the weight of the free movement of the Oomra and other crops in the interior. That portion of our crop which has to find an outlet outside this country is meeting with little demand and as supplies become more plentiful the Bombay market is having to face daily a considerable amount of hedge selling. Consequently this market is becoming more two-sided and with a freer supply of contracts bullish enthusiasm is not so pronounced. The large discount at which Oomra cotton can be bought under Broach and the fact that when trading commenced yesterday in July/August Broach contract, speculators were willing to transfer purchases to the later position at a premium of nearly Rs. 8 are definite indications of lack of soundness in the present high price of April/May Broach as compared with other cottons in the world. There are at present free sellers of Fine Broach for February/March delivery at a discount under the hedge contract nd even so buyers are not attracted. We look for a further decline in Broach actually or in relation to other cotton contracts in the near future.
There has been only a moderate turnover in the spot market. The erratic movements in the raw cotton market have not been conducive to any improvement in the cloth and yarn markets and as Indian cotton generally is still out of parity with American cotton practically no business has been reported in export channels.
The basis of good quality staple cotton continues firm and is likely to continue so but we must warn our up-country clients, particularly in the Punjab, to be careful in their selection of cotton this season as there is much of the crop in that district which is undesirable in quality and will only find an outlet with consumers at a basis lower that now quoted.

PRIVATE CABLES—

New York March highest (3 p.m.)	10.88+25
New York March lowest (10-12 a m.)	10.68+05
Liverpool January highest	8.38+13
Liverpool January lowest	8.33+08

Messrs. Chunilal Mehta and Co. Ltd have received to-day the following cable information from their foreign friends:—
New York. Export subsidy sales 57,00,000. Trade and speculative buying. Contracts scarce.

NEW YORK COTTON

New Contracts
New York, Dec 21

January	11.25+20
March	11.01+25
May	10.63+22
July	10.26+16
October	9.60+20
December	9.50+18

NEW YORK COTTON
New York, Dec 21

January	11.05+20
March	10.88+25
May	10.51+26
July	10.06+20
October	9.60+20
Middling Spot	11.31+25

NEW ORLEANS COTTON
New York, Dec 21

January	11.11+21
March	10.95+28
May	10.56+22
Middling Spot	10.95+28

NEW YORK
New York, Dec 21
11 a.m. rates Noon call

December	10.78/10.78	10.80
March	10.39/10.39	10.42
May	9.98/9.98	10.02

NEW YORK COTTON DAILY STATISTICS

New York, Dec 21
Bales.

Day's receipt at all U S Ports	22,000
Day's exports to Great Britain	21,000
Day's exports to the Continent	5,000
Day's exports to China and Japan	24,000

LIVERPOOL COTTON

Liverpool, Dec 21

December	8.36+08
January	8.34+09
February	8.35+10
March	8.38+10
April	8.38+11
May	8.38+11
June	8.33+09
July	8.30+09
August	8.23+09
September	8.14+09
October	8.05+09
November	8.01+09
December	8.01+09
January	7.99+09
Middling Spot	8.70+09
	11-12 a.m. quotations.
January	8.37
March	8.39

THE CENTRAL BANK OF INDIA

Following is the Statement of Liabilities and Assets of the Central Bank of India, Limited, for the fortnight dated 15th December 1939:—

LIABILITIES	Rs.	Rs.
Capital subscribed	3,36,00,000	
Capital paid-up		1,68,00,000
Reserve and Contingency Fund		80,00,000
Deposits, Debts due to Bank and Agents, Bills Payable etc		30,44,49,000
Sundries including Branch Adjustments		5,03,75,000
	Rs.	37,96,24,000

ASSETS	Rs.
Cash Credits and Overdrafts on Government and Other Authorised Securities	9,23,81,000
Loans on Government and Other Authorised Securities	4,64,18,000
Bills Discounted	1,90,17,000
Lands and Buildings	1,18,21,000
Sundries including Branch Adjustments	3,46,57,000
Cash in hand, at Banks, Moneys at Call and Investments in War Bonds, Government Paper, Treasury Bills Shares, Debentures etc.	17,53,30,000
Rs.	37,96,24,000

BANK OF ENGLAND WEEKLY RETURNS

London, Dec. 21.

	This Week £
Total bullion	1,300,000
Public deposits	34,500,000
(a) Other deposits	155,200,000
Government securities	145,200,000
(b) Other securities	33,500,000
Notes and coin	28,900,000
Notes in circulation	552,300,000
Ratio of reserve to liabilities	15.23 p.c.
(a) Other deposits include bankers	114,900,000
(b) Other securities include discount	5,400,000
Total deposits	189,700,000
Total securities	178,700,000

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGGE

London, Dec 21

Rupee paper 3 1/2 per cent	£63 1/2
Indian stock 3 per cent 1948	68 1/4
Indian stock 3 1/2 per cent 1931 or later	81 1/2
Indian stock 4 1/2 per cent 1950/55	103 1/2
Consols 2 1/2 per cent	67 7/8
Conversion loan 3 1/2 per cent 1961	93 3/8
War loan 3 1/2 per cent 1952	92 3/4
Funding loan 4 per cent 1960/90	106 1/8
Victory bonds	105 1/2
Chartered Bank of I A and China	8 7/16
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank London Reg	83
National Bank of India	27 3/4

LONDON RUBBER

London, Dec 21

Smoked sheets standard ribbed per lb sellers	11 3/4

IMPERIAL BANK OF INDIA LTD.

Statement of the Affairs of the Imperial Bank of India on the 15th December 1939.

LIABILITIES	Rs.	Rs.
CAPITAL:—		
Authorised—2,25,000 shares of Rs. 500 each	11,25,00,000	
Issued and subscribed—2,25,000 shares of Rs. 500 each	11,25,00,000	
Called up—75,000 shares of Rs 500 each, fully paid	3,75,00,000	
1,50,000 shares of Rs. 500 each Rs. 125 paid	1,87,50,000	5,62,50,000
Reserve Liability of Shareholders —Rs. 375 per share on 1,50,000 shares	5,62,50,000	5,57,50,000
Fixed Deposit Savings Bank, Current and other Accounts		86,40,84,000
Loans against Securities per contra		.....
Acceptances for Constituents		4,18,000
Sundries		1,17,49,000
	Rupees	98,82,51,000
ASSETS	Rs	Rs.
INVESTMENTS:—		
Government Securities	42,82,89,000	
Other Authorised Investments	97,17,000	43,80,06,000
ADVANCES:—		
Loans	9,49,31,000	
Cash Credits and Overdrafts	27,71,60,000	
Bills Discounts and Purchased	4,28,80,000	40,99,71,000
Liability of Constituents for Acceptances per contra		4,18,000
Dead Stock		93,67,000
Bullion		.....
CASH:—		
In hand and with the Reserve Bank of India	8,14,37,000	
Balances with other Banks	3,04,60,000	11,18,97,000
	Rupees	98,82,51,000

COTTON PARITY

Difference Broach A/M below Liverpool May 124 points.
Difference Broach A/M above New York May 155 points.

ALEXANDRIA COTTON

Alexandria, Dec 21

Sakel January	19.90+05
Sakels March	19.35—18
Giza January	17.77+05
Giza March	18.32+22
Ashmouni December	17.03+20
Ashmouni February	17.11+17

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES

Bombay, Dec. 22.

2 3/4 per cent 1948/52 91-12
3 1/2 per cent G P Notes Cash 87-9
3 per cent 1951/54 Loan 92-12
3 per cent 1941 Bonds 100-13
3 per cent 1951/54 Loan 92-12
3 per cent 1963/65 86-10
3 1/2 per cent 1947/50 Loan 99-1
4 per cent 1943 Bonds 103-11
4 per cent. 1960/70 102-6
4 1/2 per cent 1955/60 Loan 106-14
4 1/2 per cent 1955/60 Loan 107

TAX FREE LOANS
5 per cent 1915/55 Loan 110-8
4 per cent 1953/63 Mysore Loan 106-12
5 per cent 1955 Mysore Loan 117-0

CORPORATION DEBENTURE
4 per cent B P T 1974 99
6 per cent M Deb 1959 106
6 per cent M Deb 1954 116
6 per cent K P T 1965 11b
Tone:—Steady.

MONEY MARKET

Bombay, Dec 22

B C RATES—
T T D D 1/5 15/16, to March
LONDON
Bank's selling T T D D 1/5 31/32 to Mar
Bank's selling T T D D .....
Bank's buying T T 1/6 1/32 One month
Bank's buying D D 1/6 5/32
Bank's buying 3 months 1/6 7/32 One month.
Bank's buying 4 months 1/6 9/32 Two

INDIAN COTTON CROP.

The all India Cotton crop forecast was as under:—Acreage 20,460,000 or 11 per cent less.
Crop—4,374,000 bales or 9 per cent less.

months
NEW YORK
Bank's selling T T 334
Bank's buying T T 329
Bank's buying D D 327
PARIS—
Bank's selling T T 1290
Bank's buying T T 1330
JAPAN
Bank's selling T T 80 3/8
Bank's buying T T 79 3/8
Bank's buying 60 days 78 3/8
AMSTERDAM
Bank's selling D D 65 1/8
JAVA—
Bank's selling D D 54 3/4
HONGKONG—
Bank's selling D D 84 1/4
SHANGHAI—
Bank's selling D D 28 1/2
SINGAPORE—
Bank's selling D D 157 3/4
BERLIN
Bank's selling D D .....
CROSS RATE—
Hongkong London 1/3 1/32 22nd inst.
Shanghai London 0/4 7/8 22nd inst.
Java London 7.46/56 22nd inst.
New York London 3.94 5/8 21st inst.
London New York 4.02/4 21st inst
London Paris 176/7 21st inst.
London Italy 77.75 21st inst.
London Belgium 24.00/25 21st inst.
London Switzerland 17.80/95 21st inst
London Stockholm 16.75/95 21st inst.
London Amsterdam 7.52/58 21st inst
London Japan 1/2 11/32 21st inst.
London/Berlin .....
Tone of Sterling Exchange:—Steady
Gold £88-0 20th inst.
Gold £88-0 21st inst.
Silver London Ready 23 7/16 20th inst.
Silver London Ready 23 3/8 21st inst.
Silver London Forward 23 5/8 20th inst.
Silver London Forward 23 1/2 21st inst.
Silver New York Ready 35 1/8 20th inst.
Silver New York Ready 36 1/2 21st inst.
London discounts 3 months 1 1/4 per cent 20th inst
London discounts 3 months 1 1/4 per cent 21st inst.
London discounts 6 months 1 1/2 per cent 20th inst.
London discounts 6 months 1 5/8 per cent 21st inst.
Reserve Bank Rate 3 per cent.
Bank of England Rate 2 per cent
Money:—Call 1 1/2 per cent.
3 Months 2 1/4 per cent.
6 Months 2 per cent.
Tone:—Firm.

WALL-STREET MARKET

New York, Dec. 21.

	Dols.
Amr. Foreign Pow. 5 per cent. 2030	62
Amr. Foreign Pow. 7 per cent. Pfd.	23
Elec. Bond and share Common.	7 3/8
Amr. Tel. and Tel.	170 1/4
Western Union Telg.	25 5/8
New York Central R. R.	18
Union Carbon and Carbide	86 1/8
Amrex Corporation	18 1/4
Texas Corporation	43 7/8
Consolidated Oil	7
Chesapeake and Ohio	39
United States Steel	61 1/4
Bethlehem Steel	82
Crucible Steel	41
Alleghany Ludlum Steel	22
Int. Nickel of Canada	36 3/4
Anaconda Copper Mining	30 7/8
General Motors	54
General Electric	39 7/8
Woolworth	38
Socony	11 3/4
Chase National Bank	35 1/2
National City Bank of N. Y.	28

Turnover 740,000 shares.
We believe that first quarter business letdown will be less than expected. Would maintain constructive attitude.

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Holiday Narrow Session On Stock Exchange

SCATTERED LIQUIDATION AND COVERING

Market Closes Barely Steady

Bombay, Dec 22
With holiday feeling and decline in raw cotton and silver prices, the local share bazar was quiet to-day with scattered long liquidation. As pointed out before there was less inclination to operate and there was some evening-up of open interest. The tone of the market was barely steady as lower levels attracted scattered covering and prices improved few points from low levels. It appears that there will be increased activity when the market re-opens after holidays. It was a narrow market.
With buyers cautious, early moderate advances on Wall Street attracted profit-taking and while majority retained fractional gains, scattered minor losses appeared notably in rails and rubbers, the market later fluctuating as further tax selling was offset by reinvestment demand. Moreover foreign selling is authoritatively estimated at between only 100,000 and 300,000 against recent million dollars daily The market closed irregular. U. S Steel shares improved 1/4 at 67 1/4. Anaconda Copper Mining shares declined 1/4 at 35 7/8 and General Motors gained 1/8 at 54 dollars
There is no record of foreign selling on the Wall Street market as it took place at such a daily high rate. But now it seems that the selling pressure is decreasing as it cannot be a permanent one. On the other hand these shares have been absorbed by investors. Some ten years back the Wall Street market passed through a big speculative game and the price structure had reached such an artificial state that the Government was forced to raise loan interest rate to 20 per cent. Thus a contrast of the situation and it appears that the market is in a healthy state.
Tata Steel Defds opened to-day at Rs. 2225 and steadily declined under scattered long liquidation. Later on there appeared some covering and price rallied to Rs. 2222/8 and finally closed at Rs. 2217/8.
Ordinary shares opened at Rs. 419 and after fluctuating between Rs. 420 and Rs. 414 closed at Rs. 416. Cotton Mill shares were easy with increased selling pressure. Bombay Dyeings opened at Rs. 1145 and declined to Rs. 1137. Century Mill shares declined to Rs. 415 and Central Indias closed at Rs. 368. Associated Cement shares declined to Rs. 138/4. Bellapurs were placed at Rs. 259 and Bombay Burmas closed at Rs. 692.
RISE OF RS. 1207 IN TATA STEEL DEFD
Looking back the year which closes began with Tata Steel Defds quoted at Rs. 1525 and under heavy selling prices declined to Rs. 1185 by the end of January. During February the downward trend continued after touching the low level of Rs. 1040 on February 15, prices improved to Rs. 1205 by the end. March failed to sustain the rise and Defds after advancing to Rs. 1232 declined to Rs. 1037 but by the end of the month prices again recovered to Rs. 1105. April was irregular with narrow changes and Defds fluctuated between Rs. 1217 and Rs. 1146 closed at Rs. 1175. The month of May marked the decided change in the tendency and prices steadily rose to Rs. 1346 from Rs. 1176. June maintained the improvement with prices fluctuating between Rs 1410 and Rs 1320. July was dull and Defds fluctuated between Rs. 1385 and Rs. 1320. August failed to show progress with prices moving between Rs. 1370 and Rs. 1272. September with war in Europe, marked bullish activity and prices advanced to Rs 1855 by the middle of the month from the opening level of Rs. 1380 but during the late half there was some liquidation and the month ended with quotation Rs. 1772/8. October began with realising and Defds X.D. declined to Rs. 1642 on the 20th, but by the end prices improved to Rs. 1737. November was a rising month with increased speculative activity and Defds rose to Rs. 2045. The upward trend continued during December and a new high level of Rs. 2247 was reached and thereafter prices receded to Rs. 2217. Thus the extreme rise during the year from the low est level to the highest amounts Rs. 1207.

ACTIVE SHARES AT A GLANCE.

Bombay, Dec 22
Bombay Dyeing (1157/8) 1145 1147 1141 1142 1135 1132 1145 1137
Century (423) 422 415 442 415 413 416 415
Central India (375) 374 369 366 368
Kohinoor (459) 456 451 446 448 446 449 450
New Great (468) 464 458 460 455 462
Simplex (139) 137/8 134/8 135 136 135/8
Swadeshi (359) 359 353 352/8 353 352
Associated Cement (141/8) 141/4 139 138/8 139 137/8 138/4
Andhra (1490) 1490
Tram Ord (131/8) 131/8 131
Tata Hydro (156/8) 156 155/8
Tata Power (1382/8) 1382 1377 1375 1376
T Steel Defd (2232/8) 2225 2217 2220 2215 2220, 2207 2212 2205 2220 2217
T Steel Ord (420) 419 418 420 417 418 417/8
Tata Steel 2nd Pref (134/8) 134/12 134/4
Bellapur (258) 258 259 257 258 259
B Steam XD (332/8) 332
B Burma (700) 700 691 695 692

INDIAN STOCK EXCHANGE

Bombay, Dec 22
GOVERNMENT SECURITIES
3 1/2 per cent Paper 87/8; 4 per cent 1960/70 102/8; 5 per cent 1945/55 110/7
BANKS
Bank of Baroda 99/8; Bank of Hindusthan 24/12; Bank of India 137; Central ank 33/14; Imperial Bank F P 1497/8; Imperial Bank P P 368/12; Indian Overseas Bank 47; Reserve Bank 107; Union Bank 5/8
TEXTILES
Ahmd New Textiles 510; Ambica 303/2; Arun 248/12; Arvind 1410; Asok 250; Bhaskhand Textiles 2350; Bombay Dyeing 1135; Buckingham and Carnatics 227; Calico 805; Central India 366/14; Century 413/2; Colaba 218/2; Elgin 165; Gokak 233/2; Hukumchand 165/10; Indore Malwa 50/10; Jubilee 310/10; Khatau Makanji 142/8; Kohinoor 448/2; Laxmi Cotton 605; Madhusudan 200; Marsden 124/6; Morarji 248/2; Mysore 127/8; Nandlal Bhandari 77/4; New Great 460/10; Raipur 750; Rajnagar 195/4; Sajjan 99/8; Sassoon and Alliance 88/8; Sholapur 425/0; Simplex 135; Swadeshi 351/4; Vishnu 1438/12
HYDRO ELECTRICS
Andhra Valley Ord 1487/8; Tata Hydro Ord 155; Tata Power Ord 1373/12
ELECTRICS
Ahmedabad Electrics 149/6; Ajmer Electrics 10/12; Amalgamated 10/12; Bombay Suburban 165; Bombay Tram 130/10; Lahore Electrics 225; Surat Electrics 160
MISCELLANEOUS
Alcock Ashdown 590; Associated Cements 138; Belapur 258/2; Bombay Burma New 223/2; Bombay Burma Old 691/4; Bombay Steam 331/4; Bombay Telephone 86/8; Br B Petrol 6/1/6; Burma Corporation 8; Dalmia Cement 10; Indian Bleaching 145/10; Industrial Investment Tr 49/8; Indian Radio Ord 430; Indian Radio Defd 430; Indian Copper 2/11/6; Indian Iron 44/12; Mysore Sugar 44/8; Port Canning 74/4; Premier Construction 85/8; Rohtas Industries 24; Scindia Steam 26/6; Shivrajpur 55/8; Steel Corp of Bengal 24/12; Tata Oil 54/8; Tata Steel Ord 416/8; Tata Steel Defd 2210
JUTES
Birla Jute 24/12; Howrah 63; Hukumchand 9; Kamarhatty 582; Kankinarrah 473; Lawrence 480; Reliance 67

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100	Ahmedabad Advance	355 0
250	BOM. DYEING	1137 8
100	CENTURY	415 0
100	CENTRAL INDIA	368 0
100	COLABA	218 12
100	Cooria	130 8
250	David	60 0
250	Dawn	401 4
1	E. D. Sassoon Def.	0 9 0
100	Finlay	212 0
100	GOKAK	234 0
1000	Hindustan	2060 0
100	Indore	51 0
100	Khatau	143 12
100	KOHINOOR	450 0
250	Laxmi	665 0
250	Madras United	25 0
100	MORARJI	246 0
250	Model	99 0
50	MYSORE	123 8

Public Notices

BOMBAY MUNICIPAL CORPORATION.

AN ORDINARY MONTHLY MEETING of the Corporation will be held in the Municipal Office on MONDAY, the 8th January, 1940, at 3 p.m. (Bombay Time), for the consideration of the following business:—

1. (a) Letter from the Municipal Secretary—Reporting the vacancy caused on the Works Committee in place of Mr. H. K. Kirpalani, C.I.E., I.C.S., proceeded on leave, (b) Election of a member on the Committee.
2. Interpellations.
3. Application for gratuity from an ex-Bigari woman of the Health Department.

4-12. Letters from the authorities of the (4) Girgaum Vyayam Shala; (5) Hind Mata Seva Mandal, Chinchpokli; (6) Cammoo Jaffer Suleman Charitable Dispensaries; (7) N. S. D. Industrial Home for the Blind; (8) Tardeo Vyayam Shala; (9) Abhinava Vyayam Mandir; (10) Digambar Vyayam Shala; (11) Jinnah Hospital Committee; and (12) Nair Hospital Dental College—Applying for grants in aid of their respective institutions.

13-15. Letters from the authorities of the (13) Maharashtra Ayurved Mahavidyalaya; (14) New Young Muslim Brotherhood; and (15) Professor Date's Charitable Dumb and Deaf Institute—Forwarding Annual Reports, etc., of their respective institutions.

16. Letter from the Joint Honorary Secretary, Dadar Bhagini Samaj—Thanking the Corporation for sanctioning a grant in aid of their institution.

17. Letters from Mr. Syed Mohamed Ba-Alavi—Protesting against the introduction of certain Urdu text books in Municipal Schools.

18. Letter from Mr. J. L. Dighe and others—Requesting that a school for the Dumb and Deaf children may be opened in the Dadar locality.

19. Letter from Mr. Ardeshir Edulji Cooper—Applying for an extension of the period for commutation of ground rent in respect of the plot leased to him in Kolbhatwady Estate.

20. Letter from Mr. Prabhakar M. Bal—Requesting that a school for boys may be opened on the south side of Girgaum Road.

21. Letter from Mr. V. P. Saraf, Advocate—Regarding the financial management of the affairs of the Ruxminibai Nathalal Joshi School.

22. Letter from Mr. Shantaram S.—Regarding the scarcity of water supply, etc., at Golanji Hill Municipal Boys' and Girls' School.

23. Letter from the President, Anjuman Islahul Muslamin—Requesting that certain classes be shifted to the new school building at Central Nagpada.

24. Letter from Mr. H. D. Chhatrapati—Regarding the education of the Blind in Municipal Schools.

25. Letter from Mr. B. P. Wadke—Protesting against the decision of the Improvements Committee in the matter of an encroachment on the plot leased by him at Dadar-Matunga Estate.

26. Budget Estimates of Income and Expenditure for the year 1940-41 framed by the Standing Committee under Section 126 of the Municipal Act.

Resolutions of the Standing Committee.

27. Regarding the conversion of certain temporary appointments on fixed pay into temporary appointments on time scale.

28. Regarding additional temporary staff for the Water Works Department for Loan Works for 1940-41.

29. Regarding variation of the contract with the B. E. S. & T. Co., Ltd., for the supply of electric energy to the Pumping Sets at the Bhandarwada and Malabar Hill Reservoirs.

30. Forwarding a quarterly statement of outstanding wheel tax bills.

31. Regarding the revision of the pay of the post of the Chemist in charge of the Sewage Purification Works at Dadar.

32. Regarding the proposals for additional permanent staff, etc., at the Arthur Road Hospital.

33. Regarding provision of funds for the permanent construction of narrow by-lanes.

34. Regarding a contract for the work of constructing the Worli Sea Face Road Extension, etc.

35. Regarding the effect on the Municipal finances of the levy of the Urban Immovable Property Tax.

36. Regarding the question of condoning breaks in the service of an ex-scavengering woman, etc.

37. Regarding the powers of the Schools Committee to obtain Counsel's opinion.

38. Recommending an additional advance to supplement the grant for stores under the Municipal Workshops.

39. Regarding the general policy to be followed in constructing carriage entrances on existing unpaved foot-paths in ex-Trust and Municipal schemes.

40. Regarding a suggestion for discontinuing the printing of the Schedule of Pensioners in the Budget.

41. Forwarding Government Resolution sanctioning the raising of a loan of Rs. 64 lakhs for Municipal purposes.

42. Recommending transfer of a Budget grant.

43. Resolution of the Improvements Committee — Regarding plans and estimates for the construction of a portion of a road off Cadell Road, etc.

Resolutions Of The Special Committees

44. Regarding a proposal to raise the percentage of the Inspectors' posts reserved for B. Es. in the Engineering Department.

45. Regarding plans and estimates for laying out and constructing footpaths along certain roads in the City.

46. Regarding revised estimates for the construction of a Municipal school building at Dongri.

47-50. Regarding plans and estimates for (47) widening a portion of Government Gate Road, Parel; (48) Paving of certain footpaths in the City; (49) Constructing certain roads, etc., in Scheme No. 6, Sion-Matunga Estate; and (50) Constructing a portion of King's Way in Dadar-Matunga Estate.

51. Regarding the widening of Road No. 1 in Scheme No. 6, Sion-Matunga Estate.

52. Regarding renewal of the term of appointment of Mr. N. V. Modak, City Engineer.

53. Regarding revised estimate for the work of laying a water main in 1st Marine Street.

54. Regarding plans and estimates for the construction of Ranade Road extension, etc.

55. Regarding provision of washing and bathing places in the City for Municipal labour staff.

56. Regarding the provision of furniture, etc., required in connection with the K.E.M. Hospital Extension Schemes.

57. Recommending sanction to a certain condition in connection with the private market at Agripada West Estate being waived.

58. Regarding the interpretation of the ruling given by His Worship the Mayor in a certain case.

59. Regarding construction and shifting of tramway platforms and a shelter within the traffic island at Bori Bunder.

Schools Committee's Letters—

60. Reporting on the question of the introduction of certain Urdu Books in Municipal schools.

61. Regarding the Progress Report of the Boy Scout Movement in Municipal schools for the year 1938-39.

62. Forwarding a quarterly list of unanswered references from the Corporation.

63. Forwarding a half-yearly report of the progress of Free and Compulsory Primary Education in F and G Wards.

64. Regarding Draft Rules to be incorporated in the Grant-in-aid Code for payment of Special grants to schools established to meet urgent demands.

65. Applying for grant towards the payment of the Urban Immovable Property Tax in respect of Municipal owned school buildings.

Letters From The Commissioner—

66. Reporting on an application for gratuity from an ex-scavenging man of the Health Department.

67. Recommending sanction to the extension of the building period in respect of a plot at Worli Estate.

68. Regarding nomination to lease in respect of certain plots at Kolbhatwadi Estate.

69. Forwarding the monthly Analytical and Bacteriological reports on the Bombay Water Supplies.

70. Reporting on an application for the refund of the deposit paid by the owners of a property at Upper Mahim for the construction of a road thereat.

71. Forwarding half yearly statements showing the public roads, streets and lanes metalled, repaired, etc., and new roads taken over and declared public.

72. Recommending sanction to the extension of the building period in respect of a plot at Worli Estate.

73. Forwarding a list showing the breeding places of Malaria carrying mosquitoes detected in October, 1939.

74. Forwarding half-yearly statement of persons newly employed in Municipal service.

75. Regarding nomination to lease of certain plots at Nowroji Hill Estate.

76. Regarding an encroachment on the open spaces in respect of certain plots in Worli Estate.

77. Regarding re-distribution of the rent-free period to be allowed to the lessee of the site, etc., of the Fort Fire Brigade Station.

78. The Municipal Commissioner's Administration Report for the year 1938-39 together with the Standing Committee's Review thereon.

79. Letter from Mr. J. K. R. Cama—Thanking the Corporation for their Resolution on the death of Mr. Rustom K. R. Cama.

80. Letter from Mrs. Meherbai Nanabhoy Saher—Thanking the Corporation for their Resolution on the death of Mr. Nanabhoy N. Saher.

Communications from the Municipal Secretary—

81. Submitting a statement of references pending before the Committees of the Corporation.

82. Submitting a list of Corporation Resolutions calling for reports from the Commissioner which have not been received.

83. Submitting a statement of Interpellations remaining unreplied to by the Commissioner up to the end of December 1939.

84. Report of the Committee of the Corporation regarding measures to be taken to combat the prevalence of Malarial fever in the City.

85. Confirmation of the Special Committees' proceedings.

86. Schools Committee's letters —Forwarding printed copies of the Committee's proceedings.

Notices of Motions—

87. From Mr. Zulmiram J. Chowdhery—For providing cycle stands in Municipal Markets.

88-90. From Dr. J. N. Choksy—For (88) providing a tiffin room and for putting up structures for shops on the plot reserved for the extension of the Municipal Head Office; (89) negotiating with the B.E.S. & T. Co., Ltd., for putting up illuminated signs on poles of bus stops; and (90) requesting the Standing Committee to report as to the extent to which the Municipality will suffer owing to the loss of revenue from Tobacco Duty, Liquor Licence Fees, etc.

91-92 From Mr. D. V. Pradhan —(91) For expediting the Commissioner's report on the question of granting War Allowance to Municipal employees; and (92) for requesting Government to take early steps for the control of bus fares in the City.

93. From Mr. R. S. Nimbkar—For expressing an opinion that the Commissioner should consider the case of certain ex-drivers in the Health Department.

94. From Mr. I. S. Patel—For providing lights and water taps in Municipal and Improvement Trust Chawls.

95. From Mr. D. V. Pradhan—For naming the Municipal Market at Gold Mohur Castle, Byculla, as Jyotiba Fule Market.

96-105. From Mr. B. J. Deorukhkar—(96-98) For providing (96) Municipal Dharmashalas in labour area; (97) books to the students of the Scheduled classes in Municipal schools free of cost; (98) a waiting room for the relations attending on the patients at the K. E. M. Hospital; (99) for adopting Standard Time for Municipal purposes; (100) for reducing the amount of deposit to be kept by a candidate belonging to the Scheduled class and standing for Municipal election; (101) for throwing open all Eating Houses and Restaurants in the City to the members of the Scheduled classes; (102) suggesting certain modifications in the printing of the Election Roll; (103) for grouping together the names of voters of scheduled classes in the Election Roll; (104) for requesting Government to confer on all elected members of the Corporation the title of the Justice of the Peace and (105) for requiring the production of a birth certificate before a child is admitted to a Municipal school.

106. (a) From Mr. Suleman M. A. Darvesh—For requesting the Schools Committee to exempt Municipal Urdu Schools from being closed on the Birthday Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi.

(b) Letter from the Honorary Secretary, B Ward Primary Muslim League, No. 3—On the subject.

107. From Dr. J. N. Choksy—For requesting the Works Committee to report on the desirability of providing housing accommodation for every Municipal employee.

108-110. From Dr. B. H. Rajadhyaksha—For requesting (108) the Commissioner to report on the feasibility of including in the tenders for diets of different hospitals the tenders for diets of the K. E. M. Hospital; (109) the B. E. S. & T. Co., Ltd., not to start tram cars before all the passengers have either alighted or boarded the cars; and (110) the Schools Committee as to the reasons for allowing the benefit of Vernacular Final Grade to a teacher.

111. From Dr. J. N. Choksy—For providing lower second footboards to the coaches of the suburban electric trains of the B. B. & C. I. Railway.

By Order of His Worship the Mayor,
S. N. DAMLE,
Municipal Secretary.

Municipal Corporation Office,
Bombay, 22nd December 1939.

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Legal Notices

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that MAGANLAL CHUNILAL and NATWARLAL MAGANLAL, of Bombay Hindu Inhabitants have contracted to sell to our client the undermentioned property. All persons having any claim or interest in or to the property or any portion thereof by way of sale, exchange, mortgage, lease, lien, charge, possession, trust, gift, inheritance, maintenance, easement or otherwise howsoever are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office in Fort Chambers, Hamam Street, Fort, Bombay, within fourteen days from the publication hereof; otherwise the sale will be completed without any regard to any such claims and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY.

ALL that piece or parcel of Fazandari land or ground together with the messuage tenement or dwelling house standing thereon situate, lying and being at Elphinstone Road, Carrol Road, without the Fort and in the Registration Sub-District of Bombay, containing by admeasurement 275 square yards or thereabouts and assessed by the Assessor and Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes under G Ward No. 2509 (8), Street No. 21 G, New No. 5 (and forming part of a larger piece of land mentioned in the Indenture of Lease of the 23rd day of March, 1887 and registered along with the said land in the Books of the Collector of Land Revenue under Collector's Old Nos. 39, 706, 707, 708, 715, 777, 755, 795, 754 and 754, New Nos. 11915, 12595, 12464, Old Survey No. None, New Survey Nos. 1|2631, 1|2632, 3|2633 and 2-3-4|2653 and Cadastral Survey No. 847 of Lower Parel Division and bounded as follows:—that is to say, on or towards the East by the vacant ground of Jagjiwan Harjivan, on or towards the West by the Fazandari ground, on or towards the North by the Municipal Drain and on or towards the South by the New Foras Road. The said piece or parcel of land according to the Survey Register for the Town and Island of Bombay prepared by the Collector of Bombay admeasures 278 square yards and bears New Survey Nos. (parts of) 2 and 3|2653 Collector's New Nos. 11915, 12464 and 12595 and Cadastral Survey No. 847 Lower Parel Division.

Dated this 22nd day of December, 1939.

NANU HORMASJEE & CO.,
Purchaser's Attorneys.

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AUCTION SALE OF FURNITURE of F. Clifford, Esquire and others TO-MORROW (SUNDAY) at 10-30 a.m. (S.T.) at Babulal Mansion, Chowpatty Sea Face, Near Italian Restaurant of Complete Bungalow furniture, H. M. V. gramophone, Singer Machine, Godrej Steel cabinet, Remington portable typewriter, Godrej and Milner safes, Chesterfield sets, Drawing room Cabinets, A. C. Kelvinator, Wrist Watches, Harmoniums, Wardrobes, Dining tables and chairs, etc.

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Legal Notices

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY

TESTAMENTARY AND INTESTATE JURISDICTION.

E 1769 19-12-1939.

GEORGE VI, by the Grace of God, of Great Britain, Ireland and the British Dominions beyond the Seas, King, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India.

Petition for Succession Certificate of the property and credits of GULAMHUSEIN CURRIMJI RUNGWALA alias Gulamhusein Karimji alias Goolamhoosein Currimji alias Goolamhusein Karimji alias Gulam Hussein Karimji alias Gulamhussein Karimji alias Gulamhusen Karimji of Bombay Bohra Mahomedan Inhabitant a merchant carried on business in the name of Karimjee Esmailjee Cementwala, residing at the time of his death at 143, Khand Bazar without the Fort of Bombay. .. Deceased.

1. MARIAMBAI, daughter of Abdulhusein Kadibhai and widow of Gulamhusein Currimji Rungwala and
2. NOORUDDIN GULAMHUSEIN RUNGWALLA both of Bombay Bohra Mahomedan Inhabitants, residing at 143, Khand Bazar, without the Fort of Bombay. ..... Petitioners.

All persons claiming to have any interest in the Estate of the abovenamed deceased are hereby cited to come and see the Proceedings if they think fit before the Grant of Succession Certificate.

Witness Sir JOHN WILLIAM FISHER BEAUMONT, Knight, Chief Justice at Bombay aforesaid this 18th day of December in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and thirty-nine and in the fourth year of our Reign.

Seal of the High Court at Bombay

(Sd.) R. B. PATEL,
Prothonotary & Senior Master.

TAHIR ALI.

The 18th day of December, 1939.

Messrs. GHULAMALI NOORANI & CO.,
Petitioners' Attorneys.

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Ready Cotton Quotations

Bombay, Dec 22

RECEIPTS INTO BOMBAY

In full-pressed bales	Yesterday	This year	Since 1st Sept. Last year
Khandesh	1,418	11,162	13,441
Central India	366	11,838	58,613
Barsi and Nagar	1,949	44,477	12,996
Hyderabad Gaorani	1,219	14,602	771
Berar	4,276	67,210	41,905
Central Provinces	1,086	16,296	15,062
Total Oomras	10,314	166,585	141,897
Dholera	269	8,303	56,461
N W Provinces	76	14,131	536
Rajputana	1,252	10,104	10,949
Sind Punjab	1,306	146,519	96,389
Broach	9	797	12,088
Coompta and Dharwar		13,411	11,990
Westerns Northerns		11,906	11,229
Cocanada			6
Tinnevelly and Cambodia		398	2,121
American		126	812
Egyptian, African and Sudan		12,237	110,872
Comilla, Burma and other sorts		1,892	6
Total	13,126	497,401	464,966
Arrived by road to 14th December 1939		60,000	

EXPORTS FROM BOMBAY.

1st Sept to 14th Dec.

In full-pressed bales	Yesterday	This year	Last year
Europe	3,000	33,038	59,662
Japan and China	6,700	241,405	321,756
Coast Ports		8,229	10,733
Up-country by Rail		117,589	89,710
Afloat in harbour for Europe, China and Japan		11,470	23,943
Total	9,700	411,731	505,804

PRECIOUS METALS

Bombay, Dec 22

The following are the weekly quotations for the Precious Metals:

Platinum 100 per cent Rs. 67 per tola
Elephant Brand
Platinum 97 per cent Rs. 66 per tola
Elephant Brand
Platinum 25 per cent Rs. 20 per tola
Anchor Brand
Palladium 100 per cent Rs. 55 per tola
Iridium 100 per cent Rs. 110 per tola
Osmium 100 per cent Rs. 90 per tola
Ruthenium 100 per cent Rs. 80 per tola
Rhodium 100 per cent Rs. 220 per tola

KARACHI PRODUCE MARKET.

Karachi: December 22.

To-day's closing quotations:—
Cotton Sind Jan. 2?/10/6; Punjab Jan. 22/14; Desi American Jan. 31/15/6.
Tone: Weak.
Wheat Jan. 32/3; March 33/3/6; July 34/14.
Toria Feb. 48/1/9; March 49/4/6.
Gram Jan. 37/5; July 37/12/6.
Cottonseeds Jan. 23/2/6; March 23/14/6.

Indian Cotton Figures

Bombay, Dec 22

Bengal Fine 326-27 December +3 1/2 January +3
Punjab Fine 228-29 December +4 January +3 1/2
C P 1 290-94 December +19 January +18
C P 2 281-83 December +10 January +9
Berar 275-76 December +5 January +4
Khandesh 264-67 December —5 January —8
Jalna Sailu 266-67
Ahmednagar 265-66
Broach February +1
Punjab 4 F December +18/15
Sindh N F 255-62

LATEST COMMERCIAL NEWS

NEW YORK COTTON 13 POINTS DOWN

Lack Of Buying Support In Local Silver

STOCK EXCHANGE FIRM

Commodities Slightly Easier

Bombay: December 22.

The New York Cotton Market was featureless. Movements were small and narrow. Prices reacted on lower foreign cables and scattered liquidation.

In Bombay Cotton Market prices declined on local selling and liquidation.

London Stock Exchange was firm. Indian Irons were quoted at 65sh. 7 1/2d. Gilt-edgeds attracted some interest. Tin ruled firm.

Local Silver prices dropped under considerable selling pressure influenced by general weakness of commodities.

COTTON:

LATEST NEW YORK COTTON PRICES

MARCH 1940.

New York: December 22.

Previous closing	10.88
To-day's opening	10.84
Difference	—4
To-day's closing	10.75
Difference	—13

LIVERPOOL COTTON

MARCH 1940

Liverpool: December 22.

Previous closing	8.38
To-day's opening	8.39
Difference	+1
To-day's closing	8.39
Difference	+1

Broach April/May Expectation ..... Rs. 297

N. Y. COTTON MARKET

New York: December 22.

The New York cotton showed very little activity to-day with the closure of Liverpool restraining operations. Movements were small.

The trading in March began at 10.84, i. e. 4 points lower than the last closing. Prices declined on lower foreign cables and scattered selling and liquidation, but thereafter some steadiness ensued on some enquiry, although the price continued to hover around opening level.

BOMBAY COTTON

Late Trading

Bombay: December 22.

After opening at Rs. 300 Broach April/May declined to Rs. 296; but again recovered to Rs. 302 on some support. The market closed at Rs. 299.

NEW YORK COTTON

New York: December 22.

Following were the opening ranges on New York Cotton Exchange:—
March (10.74/10.73) 10.84/10.84
May (10.34/10.34) 10.50/10.49
July (9.96/9.89) 10.09/10.10

Liverpool Cotton

Liverpool: December 22.

American January (8.33) 8.36
American March (8.36) 8.39
Giza January (9.75) 9.87
Giza March (9.93) 10.04

LONDON COMMODITIES

JUTES

London: December 22.

Dundee December (£53) £53
Lighting December (£51) £51

SEEDS

Castorseeds Jan/Feb (£22 1/4 quoted) £22 1/4
Linseed Calcutta Jan/Feb (£21 3/8 quoted) £21 3/8 quoted
Linseed La Plata December (£16 5/8 quoted) £16 1/8 quoted.
Groundnuts Coromandal Jan/Feb (£15 quoted) £15

RUBBER

Spot (11 11/16 paid and value) 11 11/16 paid and value
Forward January/March (11 11/16 value) 11 5/8 paid and buyers.

METALS

Tin (£250 3/4 buyers; £251 sellers. Weak)
£255 1/2 buyers; £255 3/4 sellers. Firm.
Electrolytic Copper Max. (£62) £62
Lead Max. (£25) £25
Glasgow Iron (111 sh) 111 sh.

EXCHANGES:

CROSS RATES

T. T. NEW YORK ON LONDON

New York: December 22.

Previous closing	3.98
To-day's opening	3.94 3/8

T. T. LONDON ON NEW YORK

London: December 22.

Previous closing	4.02 to 4.04
To-day's opening	4.02 to 4.04
To-day's closing	4.02 to 4.04

T. T. LONDON ON PARIS

London: December 22.

Previous closing	176 to 177
To-day's opening	176 to 177
To-day's closing	176 to 177

LONDON EXCHANGES

London: December 22.

London Exchange opened with the sterling dollar at 4.02 to 4.04 which is officially fixed rate.

Franc was officially fixed at 176 to 177.

CROSS RATES

London on Bombay (1-6) 1-6
Paris on Bombay (13.33 3/4) 13.33 3/4
New York on Bombay (30.12) 30.12
London on Milan (77.75) 77.75
London on Shanghai (0-4 7/16 to 0-4 7/16) 0-4 7/16 to 0-4 7/8
London on Kobe (1-2 1/4 to 1-2 11/32) 1-2 1/4 to 1-2 11/32

DISCOUNTS

3 months (1 1/4 to 1 1/4 per cent) 1 1/4 to 1 1/4 per cent.
4 months (1 1/4 to 1 5/16 per cent) 1 1/4 to 1 1/4 per cent.
6 months (1 3/8 to 1 1/2 per cent) 1 1/8 to 1 5/8 per cent.

BULLION

Influx (nil) nil
Withdrawal (nil) nil
Silver 23 5/16d.
Gold (£8/8/0) £8/8/0.

WHEAT AND SEEDS

Latest Night Quotations

Bombay: December 22.

Wheat January	4	8	9
Wheat May	4	14	9
Linseed May	8	12	9

BOMBAY BULLION

Latest Quotations

Bombay: December 22.

Silver Ready	60	4	0
Silver Magsar	60	8	0
Silver Posh	60	15	0
Gold Ready	41	12	0
Gold Magsar	41	12	0
Gold Posh	41	14	0
Sovereigns	26	11	0

LONDON SILVER CABLE

Bombay: December 22.

The following cable regarding London silver market was received here to-day:

Speculators bought and sold. Business small. Market quiet.

LONDON SILVER

London: December 22.

Spot (23 3/8d) 23 5/16d —1/16
Forward (23 1/2d) 23 1/2d nil.

LONDON GOLD

London: December 22.

Gold Bars Fine per ounce (£8-8-0) £8-8-0

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

New York: December 22.

The following are the opening quotations:—

General Motors (dol 54) dol 54 1/8
Anaconda Copper Mining (dol 31 3/8) dol 31 1/4
U S Steel Common (dol 67 1/8) dol 67 3/8
U S Steel Pref (unquoted) unquoted.

3½ P. C. STERLING LOAN

London: December 22.

5 1/2 per cent Indian Sterling Loan closed to-day at £81 1/2.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

INDIAN LOANS

London: December 22.

5 per cent Indian Stock (£92 1/2) £92 1/2
3 1/2 per cent Indian Stock (£81 1/2) £81 1/2
4 1/2 per cent Indian Stock 1950/55 (£103 1/2) £103 1/2
4 1/2 per cent 1958/68 (£104 1/4) £104 1/4
4 per cent Indian Stock 1948/53 (£100 1/4) £100 1/4
5 per cent Indian Stock 1942/47 (£103 1/2) £103 1/2
3 1/2 per cent Indian Stock 1954/59 (£94 1/4) £94 1/4

AUSTRALIAN LOANS

5 per cent 1945/55 (£101 3/4) £101 3/4

BRITISH FUNDS

2 1/2 per cent Consols (£67 7/8) £68
3 1/2 per cent Conversion Loan (£93 3/4) £93 5/8
4 1/2 per cent Conversion Loan (£100 3/4) £100 3/4
4 per cent Funding Loan (£106 1/8) £106 3/8
3 1/2 per cent War Loan (£92 3/4) £93
4 1/2 per cent Victory Bonds (£105 1/2) £105 5/8

INDUSTRIALS

Standard Motors (11-9) 11-9
Marks and Spencer Ordinary (52-0) 52-0
Hydro Electric (dol 3 1/4) dol 3 1/4
Elec. Music Industry (7-7 1/2) 7-9
Frinchin Johnson (18-1 1/2) 18-1 1/2
Imperial Chemical (29-7 1/2) 29-9
Woolsworth New Ordinary (61-9) 61-9
San Paulo 7 per cent Coffee Rates 1937 (£29 1/2) £29 1/2
Dunlop Rubber (30-3) 30-3
Unilever Ordinary (31-0) 31-0
Ford Motors (13-3) 13-0
Cables and Wireless New Ordinary (£56 1/4) £56 1/2
British American Tobacco Ordinary (92-6) 91-3
Carreras 'A' (£5 1/2) £5 1/2
Imperial Tobacco Ordinary (118-9) 118-1 1/2
P. and O. Def. (21-6) 21-1 1/2
Distillers (66-9) 66-6
Bredfords Dye (4-9) 4-9
British Celanese (7-6) 7-7 1/2
J. and P. Coates Ordinary (34-0) 34-4 1/2
Courtaulds Ordinary (37-0) 37-0
Fine Cotton Spinners (5-3) 5-3
Vickers Limited Ordinary (16-1 1/2) 16-1 1/2
Inter. Nickel (dol 46 3/4) dol 47 1/2
Indian Iron (63-9) 63-7 1/2

TEA SHARES

Assam (17-6) 17-6
Donaro Tea (31-10 1/2) 31-10 1/2

BOMBAY COTTON

Bombay, Dec 22

The ban placed on option business is having healthy effect on the local market. Yesterday all monthly option business went out of order and to-day despite a sharp rise in American cotton, the local market was easy with increased selling.

In sympathy with a rise of 25 points in New York cotton futures, the local market was expected to open at Rs. 311 but the market opened quiet at Rs. 308 and improved to Rs. 313/8 on short covering. Later on there was increased selling pressure and prices declined to Rs. 305/8. There appeared moderate support and prices rallied to Rs. 307/8. The tone of the market was quiet.

Alexandria market opened to-day at a rise of 50 points and with slightly better enquiry Broach A/M improved to Rs. 309. Liverpool market opened at a rise of one point and with increased selling prices in the local market declined to Rs. 305.

Selling continued and Broach A/M declined to Rs 298 when short covering appeared and prices improved to Rs. 301. The market finally closed at 5-30 p.m. as under:—

F G M G Broach:—			
April/May	Rs.	300	0 0
Fine M G Oomra:—			
July/August		307	0 0
Dec/January		264	0 0
March		267	8 0
F G M G Bengal:—			
Dec/January		217	0 0
March		218	8 0

Empire of India (23 0 1/2) 23-1 1/2

JUTES

Barnagore (£10 7/8) £10 3/4

RUBBER SHARES

Anglo-Dutch Rubber (27-3) 27-3
Gula Kelampong (23-1 1/2) 22-6
Rubber Plant Inv. Trust (34-1 1/2) 34-1 1/2

MINING SHARES

Nandydrug (32-6) 32-6
Burma Corporation (11-9) 11-9
Rio Tintos (£15 3/4) £17 1/4
East Rand Properties (46-3) 45-3
Rand Mines (£7 3/8) £7 3/8

MINE SHARES

Crown (£14 1/4) £14 1/4
Associated Portland Cement (60-0) 60-7 1/2
Trinidad Leaseholds (72-6) 72-6
Sub. Nigel (£10) £10
Spring Mines Split Shares (25-0) 25-7 1/2
Union Corporation (£7 1/8) £7 1/8

OIL SHARES

Venezuela Persian (22-6) 22-6
Anglo-Iranian (55-0) 55-0
Burma Oil (61-3) 61-3
Maxican Eagle (6-7 1/2) 6-7 1/2
Shell Transport (80-7 1/2) 80-6
Royal Dutch (£34) £34 1/4

RAILWAY SHARES

Great Western Ordinary (£36 5/8) £36 1/4
London Midland Ordinary (£12) £13 1/4
London North Eastern Def. (£2 1/4) £2 1/4
London Southern Def. (£11 1/2) £11 3/4
London Transport 5 per cent (£111) £111 1/8
London Transport "C" (£46) £46

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BOMBAY and SUBURBS

Local Engagements

To-day

Hindu: Magsar Sud 12, 19
Muslim: Jilkad 11, 1358
Parsi: Tir 19, 1309
Hightide: 8-40; 22-12
Lowtide: 3-25; 15-31
Sunrise: 7h. 8m.
Sunset: 6h. 7m.

GITA CLASS

Swami Sambudhanand will be holding Gita class as usual to-morrow (Sunday) at the Ramakrishna Ashram Library Hall, Khar Road, at 9 a.m. (S.T.)

BALKAN-JI-BARI

Mr. Shantilal Shah will meet the boys and girls of Balkan-ji-Bari—The All-India Children's Association—to-morrow (Sunday) at Laxmi Nagar Pavilion, 10th Road. Khar, at 8 a.m.

BAND AT THE VICTORIA GARDENS

The Bombay ex-Service Town Band (Indian Army) will play a programme of music at the Victoria Gardens to-day (Saturday), commencing from 5-45 p.m. to 7-45 p.m. (S.T.)

PARTY TO NEW SHERIFF

Party to Mr. Mathuradas V. Khimji on his appointment as Sheriff of Bombay, at 6-30 p.m. to-day (Saturday) will be given in Old Halai Mahajan Wadi, by Bhatia community. Sheth Chaturbhuj Gordnandas Sundardas Mulji will preside.

VEDANTA CLASS

Swami Sambuddhanand will be giving a discourse on "Self—As It is" to-day (Saturday) at the Batliboi's Commercial Institute, Prescott Road, Fort, Bombay, at 3-30 p.m. (S.T.)

BOMBAY JYOTI MITRA MANDAL

Under the auspices of the Bombay Jyoti Mitra Mandal there will be a meeting of the Gujarati Pen-Friends of Bombay and Bombay Suburbs to-morrow (Sunday) at 2 p.m. at Wahidana Mansion, Room No. 7, Parel Poibavdi.

SHRADDHANAND ANNIVERSARY

The last meeting of the anniversary celebration of late Swami Shraddhanand will be held to-day (Saturday) at 7 p.m. in the Arya Samaj Hall, when Messrs. Jamnadas Mehta, Nagindas Master K. F. Nariman, Dr. Savarkar, Mr. Sunderdas Morarji and others will address.

AT BAZAR GATE

A public meeting will be held at Arya Samaj, Fort, Bazargate, to-morrow (Sunday), at 9 a.m. when Pandit Vijayshanker will deliver a public lecture on the "Life of Swami Shraddhanand."

DEBATE ON RUSSIA

Under the auspices of the Bombay Students' Brotherhood, the Muslim Students' Union Youth Parliament and the Tata School of Sociology a public debate will be held to-day (Saturday) at the Muslim Students' Union Hall, Biavatsky Lodge, French Bridge, at 5-15 p.m. on "Russia Is Becoming Imperialist."

ISMAIL COLLEGE 10TH ANNUAL DAY

The 10th annual day of the Ismail College, Andheri will be celebrated to-day (Saturday) at 4-30 p.m. His Grace Rev. Roberts, Archbishop of Bombay, will preside. After prize distribution and presidential address there will be some one-act English plays by the students.

CITY FATHERS' ROUNDS

The Municipal Commissioner and the Councillors of Ward No. 14 will meet near the Central Vaccination Station near Old Parel Tram Terminus to-day (Saturday) at 6-51 a.m. (B.T.) to go round the ward.

Residents of the ward who have grievances to represent should be present at the appointed place and time.

BUTTER-FAKER FINED

Mr. Sayed Ashadulla Sayed Alli, vendor in the Eating House at No. 50 Nesbit Road, was convicted and fined Rs. 15 on 11-12-'39, in default to undergo two weeks' simple imprisonment by the Municipal Court of Fony. Presidency Magistrates, Mazgaon, Mazgaon Police Court, for selling butter containing 15.0 per cent excess moisture.

STUDENTS' BROTHERHOOD MUSIC COMPETITION

The Secretary, Music Competition Committee, Bombay Students' Brotherhood, writes:—

The amateur vocal music competition organised by the Bombay Students' Brotherhood will be held on Saturday (6th Jan. 1940) and Sunday (7th Jan. 1940). The final day of the competition will be Saturday (13th Jan. 1940). All the competitors will be informed individually. The place of the competition will be announced through the local newspapers at a later date.

HOTEL WORKERS SUPPORT MAHAGAI CONFERENCE

(From A Correspondent)

Another big meeting of hotel workers was held at Parsee Bazaar (Fort). Mr. J. S. Mahimkar presided.

The meeting was addressed by Messrs. V. G. Nimbkar, Jaswant Thakar and others. The speakers emphasised the importance of the Mahagai Conference and requested the workers to make it a great success by becoming its delegates.

They also explained the present political and war situation and demanded the immediate increment in wages in proportion to the increased prices in markets. A demand for War Allowance was also made.

HAJ PILGRIMS.

The Publicity Officer to the Government of Bombay, Bombay, writes:—

It is announced by the Government of India, for information of persons who intend to proceed to the Hejaz for the performance of the Haj Pilgrimage in January 1940 that Indian currency will be accepted in the Hejaz at the daily rates of exchange less a rebate of 10 per cent. Each pilgrim is permitted to carry with him up to Rs. 450 worth of gold pounds if he travels as a deck passenger and up to Rs. 1,200 worth of gold pounds if he is a cabin passenger.

RASHTRABHASHA PRACHAR EXAMINATIONS

The Secretary Hindi Prachar Sabha writes:—

The ensuing Rashtrabhasha Prachar Examinations of the Rashtrabhasha Prachar Samiti, Wardha, will be held on 27th and 28th January, 1940.

Intending candidates should send up their applications form with fees on or before 22nd December to the Office of the Hindi Prachar Sabha, Adenwala Mansion Chowpatty Sea Face, near Wilson College between 5 and 6-30 p.m. on week days. After 22nd instant forms with late fee will be accepted till 1st January 1940.

Amusements Of The Day

CAPITOL—Azuric. To-day at 9-30 p.m. only.
REGAL—"Come on George" Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
METRO—"The Women" Daily at 3, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
EXCELSIOR—"Espionage Agent" Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
NEW EMPIRE—"A Chump At Oxford" Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
EROS—"Beau Geste" Daily at 3-30, 6-30 and 10 p.m. Morning show at 10 a.m.
PATHE—"Daughter of India" Daily at 4-15, 7 and 9-45 p.m. Matinee to-day and to-morrow at 1-30 p.m.
ROXY—"Kangan" Daily at 4, 7 and 10 p.m. Matinee to-day and to-morrow at 1 p.m.
MAJESTIC—"Bhagva Zenda" Daily at 4-15, 7 and 10 p.m. Matinee to-day and to-morrow at 1-30 p.m.
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Talk Of The Suburbs

(By A SUBURBAN MAN)

With the widening of the Mahim Causeway, which was the bottle-neck to the Suburbs, the one and the important obstacle is the nuisance caused by the Bandra Slaughter House.

The slaughter house lacks in scientific management. A glimpse even of its exterior is repelling. Its grounds are strewn with offal on which thousands of birds of prey gorge themselves. The tin-sheds in which animals are slaughtered have ghastly appearance.

Towards evening a musty smell of rotting bones and gristle rises up. This smell could surely have been got rid of if some scientific methods were employed.

Then one has to witness the most horrible sight of dripping hides of slaughtered animals which are taken along the Causeway to Dharavi to the leather works.

This slaughter house was ideally situated 50 years ago when Mahim was yet a marshy backwater and Bandra a cultivators' land, but with modern developments the slaughter house must definitely go away from Bandra.

A move for shifting this slaughter house was made in 1922. A scheme was formulated which still lies with the Bombay Municipality under consideration and nobody knows how longer still Bandra will have to tolerate this nuisance.

HAWKERS AT JUHU

The hawkers along the Juhu Beach are now on the increase, especially during the week-ends.

Hawking at this place is carried out under certain regulations, but of late one will notice very few hawkers abide by those rules.

The Juhu Municipality might enforce stricter measures and control this nuisance which besides being a handicap to the cleanliness of the foreshore also disturbs the leisure hours of the public.

No 'Prima Facie' Case Against Scindias

BOMBAY, Friday.

The last of a series of seven cases filed by A. R. Subedar, against the directors, officers and auditors of the Scindia Steam Navigation Company Ltd. was decided to-day when Mr. Oscar Brown, Presidency Magistrate, Third Court, discharged all the accused.

The complainant charged Mr. Walchand Hirachand, other collector of the Scindia Steam Navigation Company, its officers and auditors under Section 477, 409, 418 and 109 I.P.C., and under Sections 103 and 252 of the Indian Companys Act.

The charges against the accused related to the Balance Sheet of the company for the year ending 30th June 1922 which, the complainant alleged was false in certain particulars.

The Magistrate, in his judgment stated that after a careful study of the evidence and the arguments of the parties he was satisfied that the complainant had not made out a 'prima facie' case to warrant framing of charges against the accused. He therefore rejected the prosecution story and discharged the accused.

Insurance Co.s' Amalgam. Scheme Sanctioned

The petitions for amalgamation of the Prabhat Insurance Company, Limited of Bombay and the Modern Insurance Company, Limited, of Bombay, with the Forward Assurance Company, Limited of Bombay, were heard by the Hon Mr. Justice Blackwell and the proposed amalgamation between the said companies as per scheme passed by shareholders, policy-holders and creditors is sanctioned.

BACK BAY RECLAMATION PUBLIC UTILITY BUILDINGS.

Rearrangement of the sites reserved for public utility buildings between the Marine Drive and the Parsee Gymkhana in Block No. I:—

In the revised layout plan A, dated the 7th December 1938, published with Press Note No. 4340/27-V, dated the 17th December 1938, four sites along the southern boundary of the strip of land between the Marine Drive and the Parsee Gymkhana in Block No. I of the Back Bay Reclamation Scheme were shown as reserved for a petrol service station, a public convenience, a police chowki and an electric sub-station, respectively. As the arrangement of the sites as shown on the plan was not very economical, the four public utility buildings referred to above have now been rearranged.

BOMBAY NATIONAL GUARDS

The Special Organising Officer writes:—

There will be a parade of all the members of the Bombay National Guards to-morrow (Sunday) at 7 a.m. at the Marine Lines Maidan.

A special meeting of the members of 'C' Section (Matunga and Dadar) will be held to-morrow (Sunday) at 8 a.m. at the Hindu Gymkhana Maidan, opp. Ruia College, Dadar.

New Members Of Bombay Bar Council

Mr. N. G. Nadkarni, Mr. M. P. Amin, Mr. V. B. Pradhan and Mr. R. J. Thakore have been elected members of the Bombay Bar Council at the election held on December 15.

A.-I. Table Tennis Championship 1939

Fixtures for Sunday (24th Dec.):—

At 5 p.m.: H. K. Shivdasani v. C. J. D'Monte; M. D. Batliwalla v. B. V. Ulial; K. N. Nallaseth v. H. Taleyarkhan; V. R. Apte v. V. G. Kamat; J. E. Gandhi v. R. K. L. Singh; M. A. Desai v. S. M. Katkar.

At 5-30 p.m.: D. A. Ferreira v. U. Mohanlal; U. M. Chandarana v. N. D. Patel; S. J. Mugaseth v. K. S. Cooper; K. N. Moudgill v. K. R. Davar; Miss D. C. Mistry and Partner v. Miss P. F. Madon and Miss P. de Lima; Miss A. de Souza and Mrs. L. Moorhouse v. Miss P. Vakharia and Miss K. R. Shroff.

At 6 p.m.: D. N. Wagh v. F. D. Bharucha; F. R. Nariman v. I. P. Gohel; R. A. Keshaviah v. M. M. Vania; H. R. Kanga v. G. B. Relvani; R. V. Hattangdi v. A. S. Athavanker; P. N. Pohowalla v. M. P. Sethna.

At 6-30 p.m.: K. N. Dady v. M. V. Wagle; N. G. Gazder v. K. M. Bhagvati; P. S. Varde v. R. K. Mody; V. S. Patker v. V. V. Prabhu; K. E. Ghaswala v. R. M. Kapadia.

Mahavira Jaina Vidyalaya Annual Sports

The Hony. Secretary, S.M.J.V. writes:—

Interesting and varied programme of sports was held at the Gowalia Tank Maidan and the result of the various items is as follows:—

Fast Cycling: 1. K. P. Shah; 2. H. B. Jhaveri; 3. J. J. Vora.

Slow Cycling: 1. B. R. Shah; 2. R. V. Vora.

Running 1 Mile: 1. S. C. Shah; 2. B. V. Shah; 3. R. M. Shah.

Long Jump: 1. J. J. Vora; 2. P. M. Dagali.

High Jump: J. J Vora and R. V. Vora.

Sack Race: 1. J. J. Vora; 2. R. V. Vora.

Three Legged: 1. J. J. Vora and B. S. Shah; 2. K. P. Shah and B. F. Shah.

Musical Chair: 1. J. S Bhavsar; 2. S. T. Shah.

Memory Test: 1. T. G. Sanghavi; 2. S. C. Shah.

Throwing the Cricket Ball: 1. J. J. Vora; 2. R. M. Shah.

Putting the Shot: 1. R. M. Shah; 2. C. S. Bhavsar.

Magdal: Surana B, Surana G and R. M. Shah (Equal).

Dand: 1. K. P. Shah; 2. P. M. Dagali.

Bethak: K. P. Shah; 2 S. T. Shah.

Lemon and Spoon Race: 1. Surana; 2. K. P. Shah.

Weight Lifting: 1. R. M. Shah; 2. Surana.

Skipping: 1. J. J. Doshi; 2. B. V. Shah.

Carrom: 1. J J.Vora 2. K. P. Shah.

Ping Pong: 1. G. Bhandari; 2. J. J. Vora.

Hututu: Winners—Non-Medicals.

ELOCUTION COMPETITION

Elocution competition was held on last Tuesday (19th inst.) when Principal A. A. A. Fyzee presided and Mr. M. C. Chagla, Bar at-Law, Prof. R. N. Welingkar and Prof. R. D. Choksi served as Judges.

Bhasker V. Shah, Prasanlal M. Dagali and Jayantilal J. Parikh stood first, second and third respectively.

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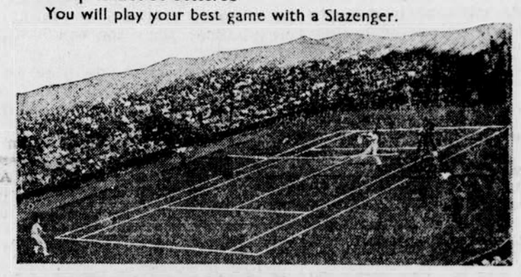

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THE SUPREME NEED

"We believe that it is the inalienable right of the Indian people to have freedom and enjoy the fruits of their toil and have the necessities of life so that they may have full opportunity for growth". So runs the first sentence of the Pledge, which is published by the Working Committee of the Indian National Congress and which will be adopted at public meetings or at private places on the 26th of January next. The pledge is a reminder of the supreme need of the country which on no account should any Indian forget for a moment. And yet deliberate attempts have been sought to be made to divert the attention of the country from it. The value of inter-communal unity cannot be over-emphasized. But there is no patriotic Indian who does not want freedom for his country and who will not constantly strive for it, in spite of inter-communal misunderstandings. And this for the simple reason that freedom alone will provide the most favourable atmosphere for the establishment of lasting intercommunal unity just as the existence of foreign rule makes the task of promoting such unity extremely difficult. If the British Government were genuinely anxious not to stand between India and her freedom, they would have helped and not hindered the attainment of such unity. A clear and definite statement by them that after the war India would be a free country or that a united demand by the Indian people would be accepted by them without any reservation, would have been sufficient to ease the present communal tension inasmuch as it would have stirred the people to close their ranks and settle their differences in a spirit of give and take.

Prepare

Instead of following this straightforward course the British Government have adopted a policy that makes the difficult task of bringing about a communal settlement more difficult. As the Working Committee of the Congress says in its resolution adopted yesterday, the reference of the Secretary of State for India to the communal question merely clouds the issue and takes the public mind off the central theme that the British have failed to define their war aims, especially with regard to India's freedom. The Working Committee adds that it is entitled to read in the British Government raising the communal question a reluctance to part with power. The inference, therefore, is obvious. India must redouble her efforts to win her independence. "Congressmen by now realize", the resolution of the Working Committee says, "that independence is not to be won without hard work". And the Committee has reminded them that Satyagraha, which is the ultimate sanction, means goodwill to all and has appealed to them to promote and seek goodwill by prosecuting the constructive programme and thus prove themselves fit to take up the call when it comes. Success of the programme of Khaddar as an accepted symbol of non-violence, harmony and economic independence, it is urged, is indispensable and Congressmen, in their pledge on Independence Day, are asked to pledge themselves "to spin regularly" as well to use for their personal requirements nothing but Khadi. This obligation to spin is a new addition to the pledge. But the Working Committee is careful to express the hope that none who does not believe in the contents of the pledge will take it merely for the sake of form Spinning was part of the franchise for the Congress some years ago, but experience showed that it was unworkable inasmuch as many Congressmen, though they had faith in Khadi as a potent instrument of the country's economic regeneration, considered either that self-spinning was not essential or that it was not politic to make it part of the Congress franchise. We do not think that their view has changed. However that may be, those Congressmen, who honestly think that self-spinning should not form part of the Independence Pledge, owe it to the Congress and Mahatma Gandhi as well as to themselves to obey the direction of the Working Committee and notify their disapproval to the Provincial Congress Committee of their province so that Mahatma Gandhi and the Working Committee may be in a position to ascertain the strength of the feeling against compulsory self-spinning. The Working Committee does not desire to impose the pledge on unwilling Congressmen. As it says, "In a non-violent organisation compulsion can have little place."

Resume Congress-League Talks

The Independence Pledge expresses the belief of all Congressmen that "non-violent action in general and preparations for non-violent direct action in particular require the successful working of the constructive programme of Khadi, communal harmony and removal of untouchability". In the present situation the importance of communal harmony cannot be overstressed and for Congressmen its promotion becomes an imperative duty. It is most unfortunate that Mr. Jinnah and the Muslim League by their insistence on the observance of the "Deliverance Day" placed a formidable obstacle in the way of achieving communal harmony. Fortunately the "Deliverance Day" has passed off without any untoward incident. We trust it will be forgotten as soon as possible and the great and noble work of bringing about a Congress-League settlement will again be resumed without delay. As the Working Committee rightly recalls, the Congress has on several occasions in the past worked, not without success, for communal unity. We trust it will once again address itself to this task with the determination to succeed and we appeal to Mr. Jinnah and the League to help it in a spirit of true patriotism.

A Papal Move

The Papal Nuncio in Berlin had a long interview with Herr von Ribbentrop the other day. It took place, it is suggested, in connection with the intention of His Holiness the Pope to issue a solemn Christmas Day appeal for peace. This may be true. But the main reason, we think, is the plight of Catholics under the Nazis. It is an open secret that the Pope has been profoundly disturbed by Nazi atrocities against Catholics, particularly in Poland, and has been protesting directly and indirectly against the barbarities perpetrated by the conquerors. Herr Hitler has invariably ignored such protests and would doubtless do so again but for one development the significance of which is too obvious to be missed.

That development has been staged in the Vatican City. The King and Queen of Italy visited the Pope on Thursday last for the first time since December 1929. A visit in the present international situation and after exactly ten years cannot be without a definite meaning which is rightly surprised to be "a practical manifestation of the Catholic tradition of Italy and her readiness to uphold Christian principles". This is a pointed gesture on behalf of Catholic Italy which is relevant only as directed against Germany which has shocked Catholic sentiments by her own brutalities as well as by allying herself with Russia. And since Their Majesties could not have undertaken the pilgrimage save with the consent—quite possibly on the initiative—of Signor Mussolini, it becomes a gesture by Fascist Italy. Wherein lies the importance of the visit.

Dignified And Logical

That the Working Committee would continue the ban it has placed upon the Congress Party members against attending the Central Legislature was a foregone conclusion. It was the only logical and straightforward step to take and Mr. Satyamurti's appeal to the contrary caused considerable surprise. That the presence of the Congress Party members in the Assembly, especially when the first war budget is to be placed before it, may have been of some strategic use need not be denied But it must be remembered that in the first place the Congress Party does not command a majority in the Assembly. Secondly, the verdict of the Assembly has no binding whatever on an irresponsible executive, who will not have the least hesitation in resorting to certification under the excuse of war emergency. And, above all, it would have been self-stultification for the Congress to co-operate with the Government in any way at the Centre when it has broken down the sham of the democratic constitution in the provinces The abstention, therefore, is as dignified as it is logical.

OUR EUROPEAN LETTER

Interview With Otto Strasser

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

PARIS, Dec. 12.

A few days back. I had the opportunity to meet, Otto Strasser again.

At one time a leading figure in the National Socialist Movement of Hitler in Germany Otto Strasser moved to be a resolute critic and a firm opponent of Hitler. For a good while now he has been one of the bitterest and best known of Hitler's opponents abroad. He still is: hated and feared by Hitler; watched and hunted by Himmler.

Strasser was one of the earliest adherents to the National Socialist Movement of Hitler. According to him, he like many others, got drawn to it, viewing it as suited to help the cause of an European Federation on a sound and stable basis. A quick and effective writer, Strasser came to occupy an important position in the Movement, especially in the publicity department. Indeed at one time, both Rosenberg and Goebbels were more or less subordinate to him But his break with Hitler came soon. As he himself has declared often, the extension of aggressive imperialist trends into the Movement and the inroads of Prussian conceptions of domination of others raised first his disappointment and suspicion, and then, opposition and revulsion. He felt the prospect of a clash instead of stability. Otto Strasser drew aloof and then definitely broke from Hitler. He felt more keenly about things than his brother Gregor Strasser who once was looked upon as the most likely candidate for the office of the Prussian Premier an office that later Goering came to occupy. Gregor Strasser was "finished" in the well-known July "purge" that saw the killing of Roehm and many others. He was removed while at his dining table by S. S men, who later returned his wedding ring and ashes to his wife all that she heard or saw of him after his having been gagged and dragged out from the dinner table.

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Breaking away from the Hitler Movement, Otto Strasser started an opposition Movement under the name "Black Front." It gained a noticeable popularity and following. The coming of the Hitler regime into power meant, however, Strasser having to leave Germany. He dodged the Gestapo. Strasser went abroad. During the following years he wandered about a great deal. He managed to keep various contacts with Germany. He published periodicals regularly from Prague and Copenhagen. Strasser wrote in this period a few books and several pamphlets. His best known books written in this period are, one dealing with the "July Purge" in Germany and another on the economic basis of the Hitler regim as a factor leading Germany to war. In these years, Strasser lived greatly in Czechoslovakia. The Gestapo kept continuous attempts to lay hands on him. On one occasion he narrowly missed being taken over by force to Germany One of his close associates, an engineer of the name Formis, was shot down in a small town near to Prague. Many in Germany were persecuted on the charge of association with him.

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While in Czechoslovakia, I had occasion to meet Otto Strasser various times. Extremely vivacious and greatly interested in international affairs, his conversations always stressed two factors: a sense of optimism and a firm conviction that Hitler's way meant war. The rather spectacular triumphs of Hitler did not destroy his optimism and they but strengthened his conviction of Hitler getting Germany entangled in war. War he held would also open the way for a deliverance to Germany and for this it was essential that a system as held up by Hitler should be ended as quickly as possible, not the least also because the German people may be saved from a bitter fate that otherwise might be theirs with miseries getting heaped and passions aroused and the task of an European Federation is not unnecessarily endangered.

The last time that I saw Strasser in Czechoslovakia was on a day during the critical September week of last year. It was in a garden restaurant in Prague. He was with several friends. Czechoslovakia stood under the menace of a terrible threat and a possible attack from Germany. Strasser felt that he may have to move out. He had plans to leave for Roumania over Ruthenia. I could see that he still held his optimism all right, despite a great darkness of the hour. He discussed with his friends plans of the future. Strasser asked me about matters relating to India. He always took an interest in India It would appear that an attitude of Hitler to India also entered into Strasser's dispute with Hitler That attitude Strasser decried as opportunistic and fundamentally reactionary.

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After Munich, Strasser recognized that it was not safe for him to remain in Czechoslovakia. He lived subsequently greatly in Switzerland. That country he has now left, quite suddenly. The Gestapo has linked his name with the recent attentat in Munich.

I saw Strasser again a few days back. Almost by a chance. He told me that he was busy working on two books. He showed me the outline of the first, which will carry the title in French, "Hitler et Moi",—Hitler and I. He gave me a copy of the one he had written in the meanwhile, "Europe of To-morrow", an appreciative study of the Czech philosopher and statesman, Masaryk. Referring to the international situation and with special reference to the War, Strasser spoke to me as follows:—

"So you see, Hitler has dragged Germany into war. He has sacrificed the chances of a peaceful settlement. Sacrificed under the urge of a violent ambition, strengthened by ill-warranted calculations and pushed along by a deceptive and dangerous economy. And now he stands caught in a web that he has himself woven".

"The Polish campaign of Ger-

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The Nazis And The 'Black International'

(BY OBSERVATEUR).

According to the Berne message of Reuter of the 20th instant, Cardinal Orsenigo, the Papal Nuncio in Berlin, had had a long conversation with Herr von Ribbentrop at the Wilhelmstrasse in connexion, it has rightly been surmised, with an appeal for 'peace' by His Holiness the Pope of Rome.

The prelude to this 'peace' has been in progress for a pretty long time, even before Poland was attacked and destroyed and, despite public denials by the Vatican, reports have from time to time been published of the negotiations carried on by the various Nuncios at the European capitals that tend to confirm the view that the Vatican has pursued the idea of 'peace' with all the energy and influence it could summon.

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The recent pronouncements of His Holiness the Pope also support such a view which all students both of the Vatican policy as the present Pope has formulated it on ascending the 'gadi' at Rome and the existing European situation must accept

The spokesmen of the Italian Foreign Office like Ciano and the semi-official and inspired Ducean press also, judged by the recent messages of 'Reuter's,' clearly indicate certain well-defined trends in the Vatican policy which, interpreted in terms of the general lines of the policy of Pan-Roman Catholicism and its G. H. Q. at Rome 'liaisoned,' as the Papal press has admitted, with Italian policy since the late Cardinal Pacelli took over more complete control of the foreign department, leaves no doubt of the forthcoming crusade for peace—a peace that has been discussed threadbare by the Allied statesmen and discarded, that is to say on the basis furnished for it by the likely principal participants in its negotiations.

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As far as the Nazis are concerned, it is a well-known fact that they have, even after their destruction of Poland and unloosening of war in Europe and conclusion of the Non-Aggression Pact with Moscow, never ceased the talk of 'peace' that is even echoed with Slavic insistence by Moscow or the 'Red International' as Goebbels' boys politely describe the U.R.S.S.

The history of the Nazi-Vatican relations dating before and after the conclusion of the Concordat between the Third Reich and the Vatican (signed on the 20th July, 1933 and ratified 10th September, 1933) proves that both the parties have always considered the possibility and, indeed, the desirability of coming to an understanding for mutual benefit as the following statement officially made in the Reichstag on March 23rd, 1933 clearly shows:

The National Socialist Government regards the two Christian confessions as essential factors in the maintenance of the spirit of the German people. It declares not to interfere with their rights In schools and in the realm of education the Government is resolved to maintain the influence which belongs to the two Christian confessions. Its whole desire is to see a state of peace and concord establish-

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Frankly Speaking

Switzerland's Danger

Evidently Herr Hitler has not abandoned his idea of a desperate adventure on land now or some time later. His military advisers succeeded in inducing him not to risk an aggression against Holland a few weeks ago. Recent announcement by Belgium statesmen has justified their warning. And it may be due to these announcements that he is turning his attention to Switzerland. For London reports authoritatively that the Seigfried Line is undergoing extension eastwards from the Southern extremity along the Rhine as far as Lake Constance. Herr Hitler, of course, does not believe in the sanctity of neutrality. To serve an immediate purpose he would violate it in Switzerland as cheerfully as in Holland and Belgium. But he will meet with no less trouble in the former case than in the latter.

Finnish Resistance

Reports from Finnish and pro-Finnish sources are obviously much too exaggerated to be taken quite seriously. In fact, the Finnish cause would be better served in the outside world if claims were strictly restricted within the bounds of probability. This, however, is not to suggest that the defenders have not been putting up a marvellously gallant resistance. And it is quite likely that they have even succeeded—if only temporarily—in checking the recent dangerous Russian drives from the North and the West. The achievements of the defenders have been great, so great that they have shocked and surprised the invaders. It is true that M. Stalin—chiefly because of complacent optimism—refrained from using his steam roller in anything like its formidable strength. But the Finns have given ample proof of their ability to fight it out even with a superior, provided his superiority bears some sporting proportion to their own strength This proof will, of course, avail them naught, for, they are bound to be crushed eventually, in spite of their determined gallantry and heroism. By the way, it is interesting to note that the recent aerial raid on Leningrad was carried out by Spanish and Italian volunteers.

Aligarh And Academic Freedom

The Nawab of Bhopal, who is himself an old boy of the Aligarh Muslim University, in the course of his Convocation Address, very pertinently recalled: "One of the great features of this seat of learning has been its cosmopolitanism and the absence of all barriers of birth, class or fortune, making it possible for the students and professors to live and rub shoulders with one another as members of a fraternity, united by the freemasonry of true comradeship and the pursuit of common ideals". While these ideals apply to all centres of learning, there is no doubt that, for a considerable time, Aligarh was one of the few Universities where the students enjoyed maximum academic freedom. In recent years, however, things seem to be taking a turn for the worse and no longer can Aligarh claim to give the students the academic freedom to which they are entitled.

Progressives Penalized

Only the other day some students of the Aligarh University celebrated the "Deliverance Day", even earlier than the date specified by Mr. Jinnah. Indeed, the University has become a leading centre of Muslim League activity. The fascistic organisation "Rabeta" is allowed to organise and parade the students in military formation. But at the same time the activities of pro-Congress elements among students are gagged, radical literature is 'purged' from the University Library, progressive Professors are subjected to a 'moral' inquisition and many nationalist students had to leave the institution. Surely, this cannot be regarded as an atmosphere in which Muslim youth can pursue their academic studies with legitimate freedom.

Philosophical Congress

The opening of the 15th session of the Indian Philosophical Congress at Hyderabad (Dn.) serves as a happy respite from the present political tension and international chaos. India has not only been the birthplace of two of the greatest religions of the world but also the cradle of a number of highly developed philosophical systems The Indian people have, indeed, been often dubbed in the past as being too much engrossed in contemplation of the life hereafter. This charge against this country's past also serves in a way as a hope for its future. As Mr Hiryanna, who presided over the Congress, remarked in his address: "The message of Indian philosophy is that man should seek for fulfilment of his highest being in service.....The great need of the hour is to revivify our faith in this ideal" Thus can philosophy serve not only as the privilege of the few but as the hope of many.

TETE-A-TETE

WITHOUT COMMENT

VATICAN CITY, Dec. 21.

The King and Queen of Italy today visited His Holiness the Pope for the first time since December 1929, when they were received six months after the signing of the Lateran Treaty. The visit is stated to have been arranged as a practical manifestation of Catholic tradition of Italy and her readiness to uphold Christian principles.

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Discussing the "very smooth" working of the Punjab administration, Sir Sikandar Hayat told pressmen that "the Unionist Party had a strong working majority in the Assembly."

We are quite gratified to learn all that, but we do hope that the omission of any reference to the Muslim League does not mean that he regards it of no account.

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"It is better," suggests the Punjab Premier, "that we buried the hatchet and got on with our work."

But how can Mr. Jinnah get on with his work without his tool?

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Had he been Premier of England.....!

—Sir Stafford Cripps.

The League leader would not have held "Deliverance Day" celebrations.

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"Oh kind and Merciful God! Endow us Mussalmans with light and understanding.

"Oh God! bestow long life and strength to our illustrious Leader Mohammed Ali Jinnah so that he may be able to guide us from position to position of solidarity and greatness."

The above is the concluding part of the special prayer offered on Mr Jinnah's "Deliverance Day."

And, with one slight addition we, too, would heartily say "Amen."

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Explaining the significance of the "Deliverance Day" a speaker at one of the mosques appealed to the present Government to remove the Property Tax.

So that, as you say, is that.

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Colonel Lindberg has resigned from the U.S.A. National Advisory Committee on Aeronautics.

This is as it should be. If the champion of Nazi Germany could not defeat her enemy in the matter of armament supplies, the next best thing was honourably to scuttle himself—speaking aeronautically.

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Comrade Stalin has been awarded the title of "Hero of Socialist Labour."

Meaning the invasion of Finland and patronage of Nazis?

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The reason why the Finns are approaching the U.S.A. Government for a loan is because they could not raise it in Wall Street.

God may or may not be on the side of big battalions, but the Almighty Dollar is.

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According to latest reports German airmen have bombed and machine-gunned a few more trawlers.

The "Graf Spee" has been avenged.

Now for the "Columbus."

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"Music like life must be experienced and enjoyed with one's whole being. It cannot be a matter of mere intellectual or emotional thrill."

—Sir R. K. Shanmukham Chetty.

Sounds like a sweet song of confession by the Ottawa artiste.

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Money, says Sir Mirza Ismail, is a wonderful solvent of many a difficulty.

We agree with heartfelt regret.

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Soviet Planes Raid Helsinki

Heavy Explosive Bombs Dropped: Artillery Duel In South

HELSINKI, Dec. 22.

Russian warplanes dropped fifteen heavy high explosive bombs on the working class district of Helsinki during a snowstorm this afternoon. There were no casualties.

Finnish Colonel's Story

HELSINKI, Dec 22.

"Over 350 Russian 'planes were over Finland yesterday, but the results they achieved were very small," declared a Staff Colonel summing up Finland's position after three weeks of war to "Reuter." He said that enemy activity had taken place at every possible point on the whole frontier.

NO DREAD

"In the Karelian Isthmus which we consider one of the most essential points to defend, we allowed Russians to advance until the first lines were reached and these we are now holding. The Russians made a determined bid to break this defence but were unsuccessful, although they used over a thousand tanks. They have already lost 250 of them. Experience has shown that the enemy forces are not particularly to be dreaded and they have not achieved any important military success.

WOMEN ON THE FRONT

Our special observation posts manned by women are doing excellent job and important information is received immediately. It is confirmed that during the last three days we shot down 35 'planes and our defence succeeded in splitting the enemy squadrons into small groups which resulted in bombs being dropped at odd places anywhere. Yesterday only nine civilians were killed and 96 persons wounded including one soldier.

ON THE SEA

Regarding the sea, the Colonel, continued, the coast between the Karelian Isthmus and Aaland Island was perhaps the most strongly fortified coast in Europe. Enemy's success hitherto was limited to the outer islands in the Gulf which are not fortified. The Soviet Navy has not risked big engagements with the coastal defences."

Moscow Communique

A Moscow 'communique' claims that ten Finnish 'planes were brought down in the course of air combats yesterday. There was an intensive artillery duel on the Karelian Isthmus: otherwise operations chiefly comprised small skirmishes of reconnaissance groups.

Need For More Help

The Commander-in-Chief Mannerheim interviewed by "Reuter's" special correspondent acknowledged the help Finland had received from abroad and expressed the thanks of the Finnish army. He urged for greater assistance in the fight for justice and independence. —Reuter.

TRAIN BOMBED SERVERAL KILLED

HELSINKI, Dec. 21.

SEVERAL PEOPLE WERE KILLED IN STALIN'S BIRTHDAY AIR ATTACKS.

Port Hango was raided five times. A third train was attacked when Russian planes roared low above the train travelling from Helsinki to Hango, its machine-guns blazing. The train stopped and the passengers dashed to cover. Several were killed and wounded.

IN HELSINKI THE CASUALTIES ARE AT PRESENT NOT KNOWN BUT APPARENTLY, BETWEEN 20 and 30 BOMBS WERE DROPPED BEFORE DARKNESS FELL.—REUTER.

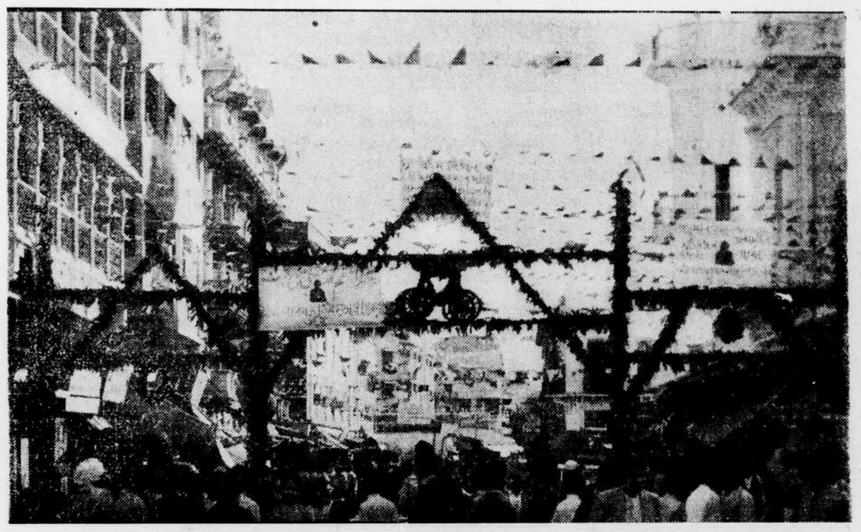
HITLER'S MESSAGE TO STALIN

COPENHAGEN, December 22.

Herr Hitler's birthday message to M. Stalin was read by most Germans with surprise, according to the Berlin Correspondent of the "National Tidende", who declares that among the Nazi old guard, anti-Bolshevist feelings are as strong as ever.

The correspondent says that he witnessed in Nazi circles a proposal of toast that was anything but one of good wishes to M. Stalin and the U.S.S.R. The correspondent expresses the opinion that the old guard is finding difficult to maintain discipline, particularly because the former enemies of national socialism in Germany appear to be over-enthusiastic in supporting German-Russian friendship.

The correspondent adds that is evident there is a widespread feeling in Germany other than that represented in official quarters—a feeling of sorrow and insecurity.—Reuter.



"Jinnah Gate" erected near Jackeria Masjid, in connection with the observance of "Deliverance Day".

Hundreds Of X'mas Letters Destroyed: Steel Corporation Building Damaged

Incendiarism Believed To Be Work Of I. R. A.

LONDON, Dec. 21.

ONE was killed and six injured in an explosion in the transformer at the work of the English Steel Corporation. Considerable damage was done to the building and the noise was heard nearly a mile away.

I. R. A. incendiary "Better Bombs" exploded at Birmingham and London post offices to-night. Five of the bombs in Birmingham general post offices destroyed hundreds of Christmas letters. Three burst at North-West London post office slightly burning a sorter.

Two fires in pillar boxes at Crewe are believed to be the work of the I. R. A.

MAIL BAG AT RLY. STATION ABLAZE

There was a similar explosion at Paddington post office, where nine employees were slightly injured and at Mount Pleasant depot where some letters were destroyed but nobody was injured.

Letters burst into flames in a mail bag at the Great Western Railway station and in a post office at Wolverhampton. There was little damage and nobody was injured.—Reuter.

THREE MORE SHIPS SUNK

Several Swedish Crew Wounded: Br. Trawler Bombed

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 21.

Two more vessels struck mines and sank off the Dutch coast, namely, the 3,685 ton Italian steamer "Comitas" bound for Antwerp, whose crew, in boats, are making for the Dutch coast, and the Swedish ship "Vega", 17 of whose crew arrived in Imuiden. Several were wounded.

'DOSINIA' LIMPS INTO PORT

LONDON, December 22.

Mined off the East Coast, the British oil tanker "Dosinia" (8,000 tons) limped into port with a slight list accompanied by a lifeboat. Forty of the crew were taken off by a lifeboat. It is understood that there are no casualties. "Dosinia" was built last year.—Reuter.

NAZI BOMBERS ATTACK TRAWLER

A further case of German airmen attacking defenceless trawlers was related by fishermen of the trawler "Dereham" on return to port.

The vessel and another trawler, the "Pearl", were fishing close to each other. Three German bombers swooped down. At first they bombed the "Dereham" unsuccessfully and then hit the "Pearl" amidships causing much damage.

As the crew were preparing to launch a small boat, the German planes turned and attacked and machine-gunned, killing one man, who was hit by eight bullets and injuring two others. The bombers then made off. The "Dereham" took aboard the survivors

BRITISH TRAWLER SUNK

An Oslo cable says:—

Two Nazi planes bombed and sank a British trawler carrying Danish sailors rescued after their ship, "Bogoe" had been mined.

The Norwegian steamer "Rogsland" has arrived at Kopervik carrying the Danes and the crew of ten of the trawler "Riverannan." The Danes were picked up by the trawler on Sunday morning when drifting on a raft. The trawler was sunk on Tuesday morning. The crew say the German planes machine-gunned the vessel but nobody was hurt and the Britons and Danes together drifted for thirty-six hours in a life-boat in rough sea. They were almost frozen when the Norwegian vessel rescued them.—

BRITISH OFFICERS HONOURED

Lieut.-Commander Bickford who was in command of the British submarine, the "'Salmon", which destroyed a German submarine and torpedoed at least one German cruiser has been awarded the Distinguished Service Order and has been promoted to the position of Commander.

The Distinguished Service Cross is awarded to Lieutenant Maurice Fairfax and W. Y. Keham Martin, first Lieutenant and Torpedo Officer, "Salmon", Lieutenant Robin Hugh, Mayliss Hancock and Owen Felton Lancaster, warrant engineer.

Eight members of the crew have received the Distinguished Service Medal and others promotions and advancements.—Reuter.

MORE EXPLOSIONS

LONDON, Dec. 22.

Five more explosions caused by small balloon bombs occurred in Eversholt Street Post Office in London and damaged 80 packets, but all but one was able to be delivered.

A sorter's hands were scorched by acid. A postman seeing smoke coming out of the letter box in the Kingsway London Branch Post Office opened it and found the remains of a balloon bomb which failed to set fire to the mails.—Reuter

Rationing Of Coal, Gas And Electricity

LONDON, Dec. 21.

The Mines Department announces that since the ration of coal, gas and electricity has been raised to hundred per cent of the last year's consumption, the public has been practising substantial economy and therefore the Government have decided it unnecessary to retain the statutory restriction.—Reuter.

Effectiveness Of Br. Convoy

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.

The British Consulate has announced that only one-fourth of one per cent of ships conveyed across the Atlantic by British warships have been sunk by the enemy since the start of the war upto December 12.—Reuter.

Nazi Faith In Christmas

Goebbels' Sermon To German Repatriates: "Suffering Inevitable"

BERLIN, Dec. 22.

"Either we resign as a great Power, or we win this war," Dr. Goebbels addressing a political Christmas party at which Germans repatriated, Germans from the Baltic countries and evacuees from the Saar were present. He said that the German people would never be separated from their Fuehrer and continued; "Germany celebrates this Christmas with that profound faith which is always the prerequisite of victory."

Referring to repatriation, Dr. Goebbels said that he knew it meant suffering for many but hard suffering was inevitable. In these times, there was hardly anybody in Germany not suffering difficulties and hardships and certainly nobody who did not want to suffer. "Germany's very existence is at stake. If during the first weeks of the war, the Allied politicians tried to persuade the world that they are against Hitlerism without wanting to injure the German people, nobody is trying to conceal today that it is their goal to strike Germany down. It is not really important to know who wanted this war—we are at war and this is the all-important fact."—Reuter.

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Times of India

The Cutch State Gazette announces the erection of an irrigation reservoir in Wagad, three miles to the south of Rahpar, at a cost of [illegible]

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The Half-Column
By "Dim"

To keep a date with his public, comes Teddy Weatherford by 'plane from Java, his piano slung across his broad shoulders. With him, too, little Luois, the drummer boy. The rest, I hear, are waiting for a boat.

A wave of intellectualism is shortly to sweep over Calcutta, when a whole crowd of Bombayites arrive there for the Christmas holidays. Their chief attraction is the Three Hundred Club and not the remnants of the Huq Government.

The Captain of the "Graf Spee" might well have said: "If I had served my God as faithfully as I served 'mien' Fuehrer, He would not have left me naked to mine enemies." It was a most tragic utterance when he told the journalists "To-morrow you will have a great story." The dead man certainly had a great sense of moral values, unlike the man who is his Fuehrer.

I join in the shout of "Long Live Jinnah", which was the theme song of yesterday. But I also pray that in the days that are to come he should shed some of his recently-acquired bitterness and work for his country by way of uniting people and bridging gulfs instead of creating the devastating conflicts his recent Deliverances will lead this country to.

An advertisement in the local press of the Indian picture "Achhut", shows a picture of the Sardar under the caption--Grand National Premiere. I always thought the Sardar was a stayer and not a hurdler.

Another caption reads "Earthquake Shock." It is probably what the Soviets are feeling with every Finnish success.

VIJAYALAXMI PANDIT AT AHMEDABAD

Muslim Nationalists' Address

(From Our Correspondent.)

AHMEDABAD, Dec. 22

A huge meeting of Nationalist Muslims of Ahmedabad presented an address to Mrs. Vijayalaxmi Pandit. They expressed disagreement with the attempts to foment communal division Mrs. Vijayalaxmi Pandit replying deplored the country's misfortunes and pressed the need for thinking in terms of the nation instead of in terms of religion or community. The unanimous aim of every Indian is freedom and all else is side tracking. Allegations about suppression of Muslim interest or their religion or culture were unfounded she said and condemned them.

Communal disunity, she observed benefited only Imperialism and joint electorates with agreed safeguards for minority interests could be the only national solution. She complimented Muslims on their efforts for women's education. After her address, the meeting passed a resolution in which Nationalist Muslims challenged Mr. Jinnah's 'Deliverence Day' appeal as harmful to country.

B. B. C. I. ANNUAL

The B. B. C. I Annual 1940 just published keeps up its reputation as a premier travel magazine. Sir Gurunath Bewoor writes on "India's Mails from the Runner stage to Air Mails." The born story-teller Charles A. Kincaid contributes on "Hindu Holy Days" detailing the first black-out' in heavens long before the advent of A.R.P. Stan Harding and M. M. Brown take us through Architectural beauty, that is Ind, while Radcliffe Genge guides us through the land of the Princes. F. W. Champion unravels the mystery of the Jungle Kingdom in Indian forests, while Eric Shipton of Everest Expedition fame mountaineers us to the Sylvan heights of Nanda Devi. Printed on art paper and profusely illustrated, it is priced at one rupee.

K. A. C.

Pledge Of Independence

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tents of the pledge will take it merely for the sake of form.

NOTIFY DISAPPROVAL

Those Congressmen who do not believe in the prescribed pledge should notify their disapproval stating reasons therefor to the Provincial Congress Committee giving their names and addresses. This information is required not for the purpose of any disciplinary action but for the purpose of ascertaining the strength of disapproval of anything contained in the pledge.

The Working Committee have no desire to impose the pledge on unwilling Congressmen. In a non-violent organisation compulsion can have little place. The launching of civil disobedience requires the disciplined fulfilment of the essential conditions thereof."

TEXT OF PLEDGE

The following is the text of the pledge:—

"We believe that it is the inalienable right of the Indian people to have freedom and enjoy the fruits of their toil and have the necessities of life so that they may have full opportunity for growth. We believe also that if any Government deprives the people of these rights and oppresses them, the people have a further right to alter it or to abolish it.

Basis Of British Rule

The British Government in India has not only deprived the Indian people of their freedom, but has based itself on the exploitation of the masses and has ruined India economically, politically, culturally and spiritually. We believe, therefore, that India must sever British connection and obtain Purna Swaraj and attain Independence.

Our Methods

We recognise that the most effective way of gaining our freedom is not through violence. India has gained strength and self-reliance and marched a long way towards "Swaraj" following peaceful and legitimate methods and it is by adhering to these methods that our country will attain Independence.

Solemn Resolve

We pledge ourselves anew to the Independence of India and solemnly resolve to carry out the non-violent struggle for freedom till Purna Swaraj is attained. We believe that non-violent action in general and preparations for non-violent direct action in particular require the successful working of the constructive programme of khadi, communal harmony and removal of untouchability. We shall seek every opportunity of spreading goodwill among our fellowmen without distinction of caste or creed.....

Khadi And Charka

Charka and khadi are an integral part of our constructive programme for the resuscitation of the seven hundred thousand villages of India and for the removal of the grinding poverty of the masses. We shall, therefore, spin regularly, use for our personal requirements nothing but khadi and so far as possible products of village handicraft only, and endeavour to make others do likewise.

We pledge ourselves to a disciplined observance of Congress principles and policy and keep in readiness, to respond to the call of the Congress whenever it may come, for carrying on the struggle for the Independence of India."
—A.P.

"FREEDOM'S STRUGGLE COMING SOON"

Frontier Gandhi's Appeal To Be Prepared

BANNU, Dec. 22.

"I have not come to ask you to go to jail or fight the Government," declared Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan, the "Frontier Gandhi" addressing a public meeting held in the City Municipal Park. The meeting was attended by thousands of Hindus and Muslims.

"I have come here to tell you that the struggle is coming soon and you should gird up your loins and purge yourself of weakness that has crept in on account of the acceptance of office.

"We left office as the British Government would not apply the principle of self-determination India."

Addressing the Khudai Khidmatghars he said that he preferred two true servants of God to two lakhs of Khudai Khidmatghars full of weaknesses. The duty of the Khidmatghar, said Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan, was to protect the weak, help the poor, strive for real unity and die fighting for the country's freedom.—United Press.

INDIAN CO-OPERATIVE CONFIRM AGREEMENT WITH BOMBAY STEAM

Walchand's Concern For Passengers' Hardships

Addressing the thirty-first Annual General meeting of the Indian Co-operative Navigation and Trading Co., Ltd., the Chairman, Mr. Walchand Hirachand, explained that the heavy loss of about Rs. 4 lakhs was due mainly to the intensification of the rate war on the Konkan Coast during the year under report and partly due to heavier repairs to one of the company's steamers.

PUBLIC THANKED.

He thanked the travelling public for their enthusiastic patronage to this old Swadeshi company and the Ratnagar Steam Navigation Company for their co-operation along with the services. He announced that Seth Ghanashyamdas Birla had kindly consented to co-operate with Sir Purshotiamdas Thakurdas to arbitrate the quotas of trade and services between the three companies on the Konkan Coast on which the competition has now ended happily as a result of the acquisition of the managing agency of the Bombay Steam by the Scindia Company, an event which has strengthened the front against those forces which militated against the legitimate aspirations of Indians for building up a National Mercantile Marine.

PASSENGER'S HARDSHIPS.

Referring to the hardships felt by the travelling public of Konkan which form the economic backbone of the industrial life of this city Mr. Walchand appealed to the Government to show the same solicitude for them as they have been pleased to show for the Muslim brethren in the matter of Haj service, and release sufficient number of ships as would provide at least one sailing a day for the Konkan Coast.

SHIVAJI OF SHIPPING.

Mr. D. A. Tuljapurkar in an eloquent speech recalled thrilling incidents from the life of the great Mahratta General, Baji Prabhu Deshpande and drew an analogy of the single surviving warrior planting the flag of victory on the enemy's fort by which, he said, even the destroyed army itself gloried in annihilation because by that the victory was achieved. The Indian Co-operative, he said, had suffered nothing short of annihilation when Mr Walchand Hirachand took up this fight and like another Shivaji led the scattered forces to a glorious victory. "Walchand, indeed is the Shivaji of National Shipping," he added.

AGREEMENT CONFIRMED.

After the termination of the meeting the shareholders unanimously passed the following resolution:

"Resolved that the shareholders of the Indian Co-operative Navigation and Trading Co. Ltd., assembled in the 31st Annual General Meeting of the Company note with great satisfaction the determined endeavours of their Chairman, Mr. Walchand Hirachand, for effecting a solution of the Konkan Coast controversy in a manner that will not only safeguard the interests of the Indian Co-operative but will also promote the best interest of national shipping and tender to him their grateful thanks and offer to him their heartiest congratulations on this achievement which they consider as a great triumph of all those national forces in this country which have been endeavouring for building up shipping industry owned, controlled and managed by the nationals of this land."

Indian Commerce Chambers Federation

BOMBAY: December 22.

The Committee of the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industries will meet in Bombay to-morrow. Dewan Bahadur C. Ratnasabapathi Mudaliar will preside.

The Committee it is learnt, will consider problems arising out of the war.—A. P.

ACQUITTED OF CHEATING CHARGE

Mohamed Jaffar, the son of a wealthy Muslim and Kaikhushru Bapuji Havaldar, a radio dealer, were both acquitted on a charge of cheating and abetment by Mr. Oscar Brown, Presidency Magistrate, Esplanade Court, on Thursday evening.

"Deliverance Day" Celebrations

LUCKNOW, Dec. 22.

Lucknow Muslims in sympathy with the Muslim League celebrated the Deliverance Day to-day with prayers in the City mosques and by holding a meeting in the evening when a resolution as directed by Mr. M. A. Jinnah was adopted. Chowdhury Khalik-u-Zaman moved, at the meeting a resolution which was supported by Prof. Inayatullah and others.

The Ahrars held a meeting this noon at the Tila Mosque when a resolution was passed stating that they had no confidence in Mr. Jinnah and the Muslim League and that Mr. Jinnah's move was nothing but calculated to make communal unity impossible.—United Press.

In Frontier

DERA ISMAIL KHAN, Dec. 22.

The "Day of Deliverance" was observed by the supporters of the Muslim League by taking out a procession and holding a meeting, where speeches were made against Congress Governments and a resolution was passed on the lines proposed by Mr. Jinnah.

NATIONALISTS' PROTEST

The Nationalist Muslims held a largely attended meeting in Juma Masjid. They passed a resolution advising Muslims not to take part in the "Day of Deliverance" celebrations. The resolution also condemned the action of Mr. Jinnah in announcing the holding of this day.—A.P.

In Madras

MADRAS, Dec. 22.

There were meetings in several parts of the City of Madras this afternoon where the resolution on "Deliverance" from Congress ministries was adopted.

At the biggest of these meetings, in the Triplicane big mosque, several prominent members of the Justice Party and scheduled classes also participated in the meeting. Sir K. V. Reddi, Mr. M. C. Rajah and Mr. Shivraj were among non-Muslim speakers.

AT OTHER PLACES

Reports of similar meetings at which the deliverance resolution was adopted have been received from Karachi, Bangalore, Dehra Dun, Agra, Delhi, Calcutta, Shillong, Sylhet, Nagpur and Allahabad.—A.P.

In Ajmere-Merwara

AJMERE, Dec. 22.

Mr. Syed Mahmoodali, Secretary of the Ajmere Merwara Provincial Muslim League, Ajmere in a wire to the "United Press" states that the Deliverance Day was celebrated throughout Ajmere Merwara and that speeches were delivered on the occasion condemning the Congress oppression.—United Press.

COMMUNAL RIOT IN GORAKPUR

Trouble Over Gita Jayanti Procession

GORAKPUR, Dec. 22.

A communal clash occurred here this afternoon. The following communique has been issued in this connection by the collector of Gorakhpur.

"There was a small communal riot in Sahibganj Mohalla in Gorakhpur city. The immediate cause of the riot has not been ascertained. It had nothing to do with the 'Deliverance Day' celebration. In fact, the only meeting held in this connection had already dispersed from Juma mosque. The riot occurred as the annual Gita Jayanti procession was passing a mosque in Sahibganj and lathis and brickbats were used. Twentyseven cases of injury have been treated at the City Hospital of which only three are reported to be serious. The police and the Magistrates arrived on the scene promptly.

At about 3/30 p.m., a procession started again and under escort of police and Magistrates, it was taken along its usual route without any disturbance.

Many shops in the city were closed, but the peaceful conduct of the procession has helped to restore confidence.

An Order under Section 144 Cr. P. C. is being issued and armed guards are being posted. The city is also being patrolled adequately.

The situation is well in hand.—A. P.

Geeta Jayanti At Poona

(From Our Correspondent.)

POONA, Dec. 22.

Geeta Jayanti or Mokshada Ekadashi day was celebrated here this evening by local Hindu Mahasabhites who held "deliverance day" meeting at Shanwarwada maidan this evening Mr. G. M. Nalavade Municipal Councillor and President of the City Hindu Sabha presiding.

Speeches expressing gratification at the deliverance of Congress from Muslim influence through breaking off of negotiations with Mr. Jinnah were delivered at the meeting

DUTCH TREASURY'S BROAD HINT

Possibility Of Forced Loan

THE HAGUE, December 22.

The Treasury will take up 140 million florins left unsubscribed in the 300 million Florin State Loan. The Ministry of Finance hinted that a forced or semi-forced loan is likely to be issued next time.—Reuter.

THE NAZIS AND THE 'BLACK INTERNATIONAL'

(Continued from page 6)

ed between Church and State. *We regard the spiritual forces of Christianity as indispensable instruments for the moral recovery of the German people. We look forward to developing friendly relations with the Holy See.* (Italics the present writer's).

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The sentiment expressed in this statement which underlies the policies respectively of Wilhelmstrasse and Rome has been echoed and re-echoed by the Holy See and the Papal world press. German leaders like Goering have no doubt poured out their vitriolic hatred of the 'Black International' as the Nazis call Rome. But they had poured out greater hatred of the 'Red International' and still they were not prevented from fraternizing with the same sworn enemy when it paid their policy. This in effect has perturbed the two Romes and it is not difficult to interpret the statements of the Vatican and the Italian Foreign Offices as the natural expression of this perturbation at the development of friendly relations with the common enemy—the Reds of Moscow.

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The world ardently desires peace. But it is not the peace as conceived by the Fascist International or dictated by it or other agencies that do not accept the demands of Democracy. The French, a realistic people, understand the Hitler plans of 'peace' very well indeed—their press has sounded a warning in advance of the renewed "peace offensive". 'Pace'. Sweet word, solemnly articulated. But where is it? Is it to be built on the destruction and debris of the poor Abyssinians, Albanians, Czechs, Slovaks, Poles —and the Finns? That is what world public opinion and lovers of peace and democracy are asking.

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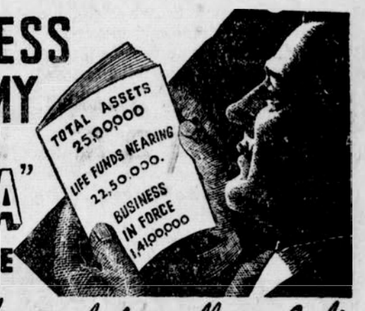

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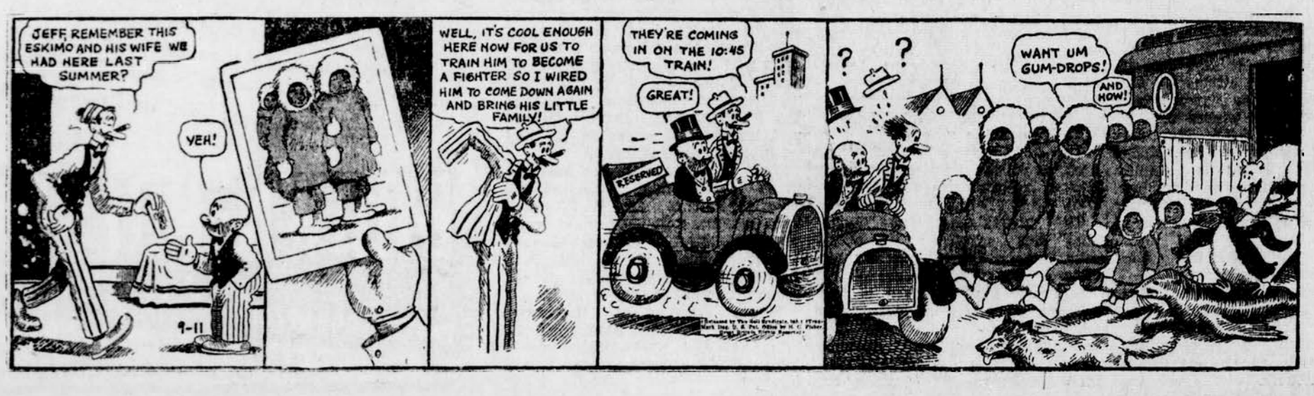
MUTT AND JEFF—They Didn't Expect to Put Noah's Flock in the Rumble Seat — BY BUD FISHER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Khadi & Swadeshi Exhibition In Madras

Common Industrial Enterprise Is Most Powerful Instrument For Unity, Says Sir M. Ismail

MADRAS, Dec. 22.

"IN A COUNTRY LIKE OURS WITH ITS DIVERSE CASTES AND CREEDS, BROTHERLY FEELING AND THE BALLOT BOX SEEM TO GO ILL TOGETHER. UNDUE EMPHASIS IS PLACED ON RELIGIOUS AND CULTURAL DIFFERENCES AND SENTIMENT IS ALLOWED TO PLAY TOO LARGE A PART, WHILE COMMON-SENSE IS AT A DISCOUNT. THE MORE WE CAN INFUSE BROTHERHOOD INTO DEMOCRACY THE HAPPIER WILL BE OUR COUNTRY," OBSERVED SIR MIRZA ISMAIL, DEWAN OF MYSORE, OPENING THE ALL-INDIA KHADI AND SWADESHI EXHIBITION AT CONGRESS HOUSE, MADRAS, THIS MORNING

Sir Mirza added: "It has been my good fortune to play a positive part, to plough my furrow in a fertile field, and my experience has led me to see rich and rare fruit on every side. I look for social and political reform not through the making of revolutions, but by the awakening of thought and by the progress of ideas.

"MONEY IS A WONDERFUL SOLVENT OF MANY A DIFFICULTY. POLITICS DIVIDE PEOPLE, BUT INDUSTRIAL ENTERPRISE UNITES THEM, PERHAPS MORE THAN ANYTHING ELSE. IN MY VIEW THEREFORE LARGE SCALE INDUSTRIES, COTTAGE INDUSTRIES AND ALL KINDS OF INDUSTRIES IN WHICH PEOPLE OF DIFFERENT CASTES AND CREEDS CAN BE ASSOCIATED FOR THEIR MUTUAL GAIN, SHOULD BE UNDERTAKEN WITH FORESIGHT AND INTELLIGENCE.

Leaders' Messages

Mr. B. G. Kher, ex-Premier of Bombay, hoisted the National Flag.

Messages wishing the exhibition success received from Mahatma Gandhi and other leaders were read. Mahatmaji said in his message: "The exhibition should be a thorough success. For I believe, we can surely spin our way to "Swaraj" through the "charkha". Other messages were:

Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru "I hope this exhibition will give a strong impetus to "khadi", Swadeshi and village products."

Pandit Govind Ballabh Pant, ex-Premier of the U. P.: "We have from practical experience found that such exhibitions are highly useful and, if properly organized, they can go a long way to stimulating genuine interest in cottage industries."

Mrs. Sarojini Naidu: "The arts and crafts and industries of a country are, practically speaking, the biographical roles of the nation's growth and progress. The purpose of Khadi and Swadeshi Exhibitions is to stimulate and inspire such beneficial activities in the nation's behalf".

Mr. C. Vijayaraghavachariar, a former Congress President: "It is a matter for congratulation that our distinguished countryman and great statesman, Sir Mirza Ismail, agreed to open the exhibition".

The Governments of Bombay, Bengal, Madras, United Provinces, Mysore, Travancore and Cochin have taken part in the exhibition. On the advice of Mahatmaji, a separate stall demonstrating the latest methods of spinning has been provided. The demonstrations of broadcasting by All-India Radio and of film shooting by the South India Film Chamber of Commerce are other interesting features.

Proceeding Sir Mirza stated: "We have heard a great deal lately of reactionary tendencies of those strongholds of medievalism —Indian States—and I in particular, have been described as a monster of autocratic repression, as one who stifles the aspirations of the poor man to lead his own life, and as one who spends people's money on useless adornment for the delocation of visitors from abroad. I have replied to Congress critics that I consider myself as a truer Congressman than they. I will try to show that we in Mysore have, to put it bluntly, pursued the chief aim of the Congress honestly, consistently, sensibly and considerately and successfully. By the chief aim of the Congress I mean (I trust with truth) that of securing for the common people subsistence, of contentment and progress.

Continuing, the Dewan explained in detail the rationale of the industrial policy pursued in Mysore and the measure of encouragement given to 'khadi' in the State, and said: "The difference between my policy and that of the critics to whom I have referred to is that, as I see it, their swadeshi is negative while mine is positive.

"It is one of the tragedies of our ancient land that the negative attitude adopted with reference to everything, great and small, and with endless and wearisome iteration results only in waste of efforts and ultimately in attempts to hurt the feelings and susceptibilities of one another. This tendency is even more marked when we adopt as our own a foreign system of rule."

Concluding the Dewan said: "I look for social and political reform, not through the making of revolutions, but by the awakening of thought and the progress of ideas."

DELIVERANCE FROM COMMUNALISM

B. G. Kher's Hopes Of Deliverance Day

MADRAS, Dec. 22.

"I pray that this "Day of Deliverance" which is being observed to-day may soon usher in a real day of deliverance for our land and make it free from communal bickerings and enable millions of India to muster under the National Flag", declared Mr. B. G. Kher, ex-Premier of Bombay, hosting the National Flag at Congress House this morning on the occasion of the opening of the All-India Khadi and Swadeshi Exhibition by Sir Mirza Ismail, Dewan of Mysore.

Concluding the speaker said that under the flag the Indian people had mustered more than once to offer sacrifices and would again do so if the occasion demanded it.—United Press.

INTERVIEW WITH OTTO STRASSER

(Continued from page 6)

many had been carefully planned and well in advance. It has ended now in a not un-expected way, though a Russian halt introduced widely an element of much surprise. If you have read an article of mine in the "New Statesman and Nation", dealing with the German-Polish conflict, published a short while before the commencement of the war, you will recognise the operations of Germany against Poland not surprising me. But the Polish war has not ended Hitler's trouble. It has in fact unrolled bigger difficulties for him."

"Probably Hitler did not see opposition from the West developing in the way it has done and stands. The regime of Hitler is in a hard plight. The economic position is a very weak point of it. Bombast and propaganda cannot alter it. The weakness relating to it is bound to gain and assume a very assertive weight against the Hitler regime".

"The Western Powers can hold out better and longer. Hitler calculated greatly on a superiority reckoned to be held by Germany in regard to certain categories of weapons. This applies particularly to the air force. This superiority has fallen. Already Hitler has lost a chance for an offensive. Not only has a superiority, referred to above, fallen, but the Western Powers are also no longer in an unprepared state to meet German offensive. In the period ahead, the superiority in regard to weapons of all kinds, will be passing decisively to the side of the Western Powers. The lifting of the embargo by the United States is an event of much significance. It will fall definitely to the advantage of Britain and France. Repressive measures can be taken only against an unequal Power or unequal combinations. It will be that in time the Western Powers are in a position to take repressive measures if and when they hold necessary. The position in regard to the air force, in my opinion, is likely to stand in a proportion of three to one in favour of the Western Powers by 1941 presuming the war lasts till then. By Spring next the balance will commence to move well against Germany".

"Hitler under pressure may be led to visualize dashful moves. A frontal attack against France is no easy job. There is the Maginot Line. If Hitler does decide on such a step he will be only playing a game of the French General Staff. There are greater chances of Hitler concentrating on offensive moves against England in ways. A threat to Holland from German side stays. Hitler may turn to try to cause distractions in Asia in association with Russia. Ultimately moves of the nature or others in fitting with the Hitler regime for sharpening the struggle, will neither alter an opposition of the Western Powers to him, solve a problem well for him, nor save a position for him".

"Hitler has taken up or has hit against a task for which Germany's resources are unequal. No doubt, Germany has powers for putting a strong resistance. A Russian halt might be aidful to prolong the resistance. But it cannot make up for an economic vulnerability, a vulnerability already there and one that will gain sharply and swiftly, with the continuation of the war. There is again an opposition in Germany. I know something about it and can say that it is not a factor to be ignored. Extension of economic rigour and hardships will widen and strengthen the forces of opposition. It may not be sufficient for the opposition to assume an expressional character. But that will come with the first military checks. One might expect turns in the direction round Spring next. I can see an internal convulsion developing in Germany. The earlier it comes the better. From the view-point of bringing about a sane and stable federal order. I say so also from the view-point of the German people".

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As I came away, I turned over the pages of Strasser's book on Masaryk. I have read many volumes dealing with the life of the Czech professor, philosopher and politician, the most interesting of them being one of an autobiographical nature, Masaryk's life and work, as recounted by Karel Capek, that distinguished and sensitive Czech writer, who did not long survive the shock that Munich gave him. Strasser concludes his new book by stating that Socialism, Nationalism and Democracy will constitute the three pillars on which the New Europe will rest and on the Pantheon of this new Europe in shining letters as one who has made a marked contribution to the idea will stay the name of Masaryk.

NO RESTORATION OF MONARCHY IN CENTRAL EUROPE

(From Our Own Correspondent)

LONDON (By Air Mail).

In a letter to the London "Times" yesterday, M. Jan Masaryk, formerly Czech Minister in London, directly repudiated "propaganda for the restoration of several varieties of monarchy in Central Europe."

The propaganda is primarily French, with some of the prominent British statesmen in the second line. Influential French political figures think that a restoration of the Hapsburg is the easiest solution of Central European difficulties.

ECONOMIC CONFERENCE IN ALLAHABAD

Jawahar To Open; Delegates From 14 'Varsities To Attend

ALLAHABAD, Dec. 21.

Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru will inaugurate the Indian Economic Conference here in the Allahabad University Senate Hall on January 2. The Conference will be presided over by Dr. L. C. Jain of the Punjab University and will continue till January 5.

Prof. Amarnath Jha, Vice-Chancellor of the Allahabad University, is the Chairman of the Reception Committee and Prof. S. K. Rudra is acting as the local secretary.

Eminent economists, officials from the Government of India and Provincial Governments as well as non-officials from all over India will attend the Conference. The Hon. Mr. Manoharlal, Finance Minister, Punjab Government, and Dr. J. Mathai, Director General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics, Government of India, are expected to attend.

Twenty-four papers will be read in all at the Conference and on the last day there will be a discussion on the economics of war with special reference to India. A visit to the Agricultural Institute, Naini, and another visit to the Basic Training College are being arranged.

The Rt. Hon. Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru will give an 'at home' to the president and members of the Conference on the opening day.

Delegates attending the Conference will come from the Osmania, Aligarh, Travancore, Andhra, Annamalai, Dacca, Agra, Bombay, Allahabad, Benares, Nagpur, Madras, Patna and Mysore Universities.—A. P.

GIRLS' EDUCATION ENCOURAGED

Gondal State's Efforts

GONDAL, Dec. 20.

A report on the progress of education in Gondal State was presented on the occasion of the Prize distribution function on Dec. 20.

In the course of the report it was pointed out that Gondal was the first to introduce free and compulsory primary education for girls and to open a High School for them which was first of its kind in Kathiawar. The number of girls in the school at present is 1,060.

To encourage girls to continue study up to the Matriculation class, a cash prize of Rs. 500|- is awarded to every girl who passes the said examination from any school in the State; and a cash prize of Rs. 1,000|- to any girl who graduates after matriculating from any school in this State. In addition every girl studying in English standards IV to VII gets a monthly scholarship of Rs. 5|-. The State also awards annual prizes worth Rs. 450|- in ornaments and cash.

NAGPUR.—The 24th session of the All-India Conference of Indian Christians will commence on 27th December in Y. M. C. A., grounds under the presidentship of Dr. H. C. Mukerji of Calcutta.—A. P.

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WOMEN! WOMEN!! WOMEN!!!

One of the most unusual pictures to come out of Hollywood is "Women" now showing at Metro. Not a single 'mere male' appears throughout this entertaining Satire on Society women.

Skilfully blended as to comedy drama and pathos, "The Women." Co-stars Norma Shearer, Joan Crawford and Rosalind Russell.

Based on the Broadway stage success by Clare Boothe the drama moves swiftly and surely against eye-filling and spectacular sets and not until the final fadeout does one realize the total absence of men from the screen.

The role of Mary Haines was a happy choice for Norma Shearer. Not since the days of "Riptide" and "Private Lives" has she appeared in a characterization of this type, and her return to the drawing-room comedy will be heralded by her many fans. Her performance is outstanding for its brilliance and versatility particularly in the instance of her transformation from the hurt and humiliated wife into the woman ready and willing to fight other women with their own weapons.

Equally interesting is the performance turned in by Joan Crawford who assumes the role of a definite "heavy" for the first time in her screen career. Her scenes are marked with fire and determination.

Sure-fire for comedy honours, Rosalind Russell as the gossipy Sylvia Fowler, brightens every moment in which she appears on the screen with her running mate, Phyllis Povah, drafted from the original stage production for the role, and a welcome addition to Hollywood's line-up. Mary Boland and Paulette Goddard provide another top comedy team. In the case of situations, however, the hair-pulling contest between Miss Russell and Miss Goddard may easily be awarded the palm.

GEORGE FORMBY
in "Come On, George" at the Regal.

LAUREL - HARDY HERE

Comedy Pair In "A Chump At Oxford" At New Empire

At the New Empire this week may be seen those popular comedians, Stan Laurel and Oliver Hardy in "A Chump at Oxford".

The new four-reeler presents sombre-faced Stan and rotund Ollie in a series of gay misadventures in England's most austere halls of learning, Oxford. The comic team, presented as erstwhile white wings who cross the Atlantic to get an education, romp over the Oxford quadrangles as two undergraduates dressed in Eton jackets and schoolboy hats.

As soon as they arrive they are singled out as the victims of some very elaborate gags. Asked to be directed to the Dean's quarters, they are sent into the Maze, a complicated labyrinth of shrubbery in which they become hopelessly lost. Staggering under the weight of their huge luggage, the heroes wander aimlessly up and down for the entire day and encounter a most remarkable ghost in the form of an upperclassman, when night comes.

Technicians Entertain Journalist

The members of the Cine Technicians of India entertained Mr. Baburao Patel, President of the Film Journalists' Association, to a dinner at Purohit's Restaurant on Thursday. Mr. Patel recounted some of the impressions of his recent world tour.

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CHILDREN'S CORNER—Do you know about those Christmas Sunday morning shows that have been arranged at Metro, Regal and Palace?

"The Rains Came" Come!

By The Film Critic

The Rains Came—on Friday at the Regal when the press had a special pre-view of Darryl F. Zanuck's production of Louis Bromfield's novel of India!

It was one of those super press-shows (with lunch to follow) when the small depressing group of regular press-show addicts is augmented by other guests. 20th Century-Fox representative Newbury's declaration that he hoped to provide similar "hospitality" on more frequent occasions in the future was, of course, greeted with applause.

Originally it was planned to send over Louis Bromfield to be present on the occasion of the picture's opening in Bombay. In a letter to the present writer, Bromfield, that big-hearted friend of India, regrets that Hitler has upset his plans by starting this war. Bromfield's many friends in India will be sorry to hear this, I am sure.

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The Rains Came—and how! Reserving my comments upon the picture for next Saturday, I may say here that the rain-storm-and-earthquake scenes in this picture are simply terrific.

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Talking about storms of a different variety, those creators of comedy typhoons, Stan Laurel and Oliver Hardy are here again to enliven the Christmas season. "The Chump At Oxford" is yet another of their crazy comedies, unbelievably funny, but welcome in these days of nervous tension produced by the war.

The rumour that women have decided to boycott the Metro this week is slightly exaggerated. A protest resolution by the Women's Council, however, is not unlikely.

"Espionage Agent" Timely Drama, At Excelsior

With "Espionage Agent" (at Excelsior, starring Joel McCrea and Brenda Marshall), Warners give another timely film, comparable in many respects to their "Confessions of A Nazi Spy."

Since it takes a certain amount of time to get a picture to the screen after the last shot has been filmed, it is certain that "Espionage Agent" was written and photographed before the outbreak of the European war, and yet it applies with vivid authenticity to the situation in which the United States finds itself today—the powerful neutral in a world of warring nations.

It recalls the terrible campaign of sabotage which resulted in the loss of many lives and the destruction of millions of dollars worth of property in the year or two before the United States entered the World War of 1914-1918. It warns that, with the outbreak of another war in Europe, the same type of sabotage campaign could be expected in this country, for in spite of the neutrality law's prohibition against supplying warring nations with the actual implements of warfare, U. S. A. will become the main source of supplying the war-torn nations with the necessities of life, and they are just as important as arms and ammunition in the modern warfare of attrition.

There is an unusual love story involving Joel McCrea as a young "career man" in the diplomatic service and Miss Marshall as a homeless, orphaned girl who has become the tool of a foreign spy ring. The young diplomat marries the girl, and then he is forced to resign from the service when the truth about her past comes out.

"Beau Geste" At Eros

Story Of French Foreign Legion

The familiar, good old, roaring, lusty tale of the gallantry of three loyal legionnaires, "Beau Geste", is seen this week at Eros.

Gary Cooper, Ray Milland and Robert Preston are starred in this picturization of the P. C. Wren novel, produced and directed by William A. Wellman.

With Cooper, Milland and Preston cast as the three "Geste" brothers—"Beau," "John" and "Digby", respectively, the picture tells how they gallantly join the French Foreign Legion to avert having the finger of suspicion point at any of them as guilty of the theft of a valuable sapphire, the "Blue Water," from their guardian. In the legion, there is desperate conflict between the brothers and a mad, brutal sergeant, "Markoff", played by Brian Donlevy, who, suspecting that one of the brothers has the gem in his possession, determines to get it for himself.

The picture reaches high peaks of adventure when Markoff, having chosen only Beau and John for duty at an isolated desert fort, Fort Zinderneuf, gains command, and drives the men to mutiny with his savage treatment. His efforts to force Beau and John to shoot the leaders of the mutineers are interrupted by an attack by a wild desert tribe, the "Touaregs". As the Legionnaires are killed in successive attacks, Markoff props their bodies in the fort's embrasures to create the impression that it is still well-manned. A violent climax is reached when Beau is fatally wounded, and John plunges a bayonet through Markoff's chest as the latter tries to search Beau for the jewel.

AUZURIE
in one of the dances to be seen at the Capitol.

AUZURIE TO-DAY AT CAPITOL

Auzurie and her "Kalamandal" consisting of 26 dancers and musicians will open a week's season at the Capitol commencing from to-day.

The programme they will present is varied.

"Nrittya Utsav," danced by the whole company, has the spirit of gay abandon and care free jollity in keeping with the theme—festive celebration in honour of the God of Dance.

Krisnna Kumar's "Rudra" is an impressive number in the virile "Kathakali" style, depicting the five phases of Lord Shiva—creation, destruction, recreation, preservation and salvation.

In "Rup Vani," Auzurie and Amarjyoti enact the episode of the God and Goddess of Beauty expressing themselves through dance-language.

A scene from Warners' "Espionage Agent" at the Excelsior.

Laurel and Hardy in "A Chump At Oxford" at New Empire.

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Around The Courts

BOMBAY, Friday.

Yesterday the Dongri police arrested one Ibrahim on a charge of having been in possession of 4 pints containing illicit liquor. Today he was placed before Mr. Coehlo, Presidency Magistrate, Mazagaon court. He was ordered to be released on bail but as he could not furnish the same, was remanded into police custody till January 2.

22 ALLEGED SUSPICIOUS CHARACTERS ARRESTED.

In a general round up of suspicious characters, 22 persons were arrested by the Bhoiwada Police. They were placed, today, before Mr. G. A. Sabnis, Presidency Magistrate, Dadar Court, who ordered them to be released on bail till January 6.

Arrested On Rash Driving Charge

Michael Bragnza was arrested and placed before Mr. G. A. Sabnis, on a charge of rash and negligent driving and causing seveve injuries on the left shoulder of a pedestrian sleeping on the floor near New Foras Road.

The accused was offered bail till January 5.

High Court Rejects Application

The Chief Justice and Mr. Justice Sen at the High Court rejected the application made by Motiram Bhawoo Hatkar for leave to appeal against the order of the Chief Presidency Magistrate refusing to transfer the case filed by him against Vinayak Ramchandra Chodankar and Mr. B. G. Horniman editor of the "Bombay Sentinel", which is pending in the court of Mr. J. S. Haji, fourth Presidency Magistrate.

The petitioner, has charged the respondents with defamation in respect of an article headed "Dadagiri in Girgaum" published in the "Sentinel" of May 3, 1937.

He alleged that on October 10, 1939 when the case came up for hearing, the Magistrate attempted to bring pressure on him to settle the case and even threatened the petitioner that if he failed to substantiate the charges, he would be sent to jail at the further hearing a week later, the Magistrate he alleged went so far as to remark that Mr. Horniman had done right in publishing the article in good faith.

For these and other circumstances the petitioner had reasonable apprehensions that he would not get a fair and impartial trial before the Magistrate. The Magistrate, Mr. Haji totally denied these allegations and the Chief Presidency Magistrate after two hearings rejected the application for transfer.

Their lordships summarily rejected the application for leave to appeal.

ACCIDENTAL DEATH VERDICT ON MUSLIM.

A verdict of accidental death was recorded by the city coroners' jury at the inquest held on the body of Abdula Jane Haji Mohd. who was knocked down by the B.E.S.T. Bus at Colaba yesterday.

Worli Murder Developments: Three Arrests

The Bombay City Police have arrested one Bhagwandas, a panwala at Kalbadevi and his two servants in connection with the murder of Shanker Babu whose dead body was found at Worli on last Sunday. Working on a clue of a mark of the washing company in which the body of the deceased was wrapped, the police made an extensive search of the washing companies in the city and ultimately traced Bhagwandas as owner of the blood-stained sheet.

ANOTHER PROHIBITION OFFENCE.

Abdul Majeed Khan was sentenced to pay a fine of Rs. 100 or in default to undergo 3 months' R. I. by Mr. T. T. Barodawala, Presidency Magistrate, Girgaum Court, to-day for committing an offence under Prohibition Rules.

The accused was arrested in a Prohibition Raid that was carried out by Inspector B. D. Samant on December 15 in Nakhuda Building at Walkeshwar Road.

In the raid Police recovered 92 Beer bottles from the rooms of the accused.

His wife, who was also arrested in the raid, was discharged by the Magistrate.

ALLEGED POSSESSION OF OPIUM.

Having, it is alleged, been found in possession of one tola of opium, the prohibition, police, arrested one Mirza Ali Mirza Gulam Husein on Thursday.

He was placed before Mr. Coelho, Presidency Magistrate and allowed bail of Rs. 50 till January 5.

CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY'S SECRETARY SENT TO JAIL.

Shripat Krishna Kerker, the Secretary of Goa Hindu Co-operative Credit Society, who was arrested on a charge of cheating and misappropriation was sentenced to undergo one year's R. I. and to pay a fine of Rs. 1,000 or in default to undergo six months' additional imprisonment.

The accused committed a breach of Trust in respect of Rs. 2,978 and 8 annas during the period between 1st January to 9th September, 1939.

ALLEGED STABBING OF CREDITOR.

One Patlia Tuljia alias Ramchandra was arrested on a charge of stabbing his creditor

It was alleged that the Creditor along with his wife went to the house of the accused with a view to getting back the money lent to him. The suspect instead of liquidating the loan, it was stated, picked up a quarrel with him and subsequently stabbed him and his wife.

To-day, he was placed before Mr. G. A. Sabnis who ordered him to be released on bail till January 3.

Dance And Music At C. J. Hall

BOMBAY, Friday.

An interesting programme of dance and music was witnessed by the audience at Sir C. J. Hall this evening, where a group of amateur dancers including Sukhendu Dutt and Mahendra Kumar gave brilliant performances. The dance was arranged by the Bombay Students' Union in order to collect funds. The "Garba" and the "Snake Charmer" numbers were very much appreciated. Kumari Rama Nadkarni making a charming Snake Charmer. The programme was presided over by Seth Vithaldas Govindji who took advantage of the interval to speak a few appreciative words.

STUDENTS' DEBATE

Under the joint auspices of the Bombay Students' Brotherhood, Muslim Students' Union, Youth Parliament, Nations' League of Pen-Friends, Indian Institute of Sociology a public debate will be held to-day (Saturday) at 6-15 p.m. at the Muslim Students' Union Hall, Blavatsky Lodge, French Bridge, Chaupatti. Subject: "Russia is Becoming Imperialist."

BOMBAY STUDENTS' BROTHERHOOD

The adjourned general meeting of the Bombay Students' Brotherhood will be held to-morrow (Sunday) at 9 a.m. at the Muslim Students' Union Hall, Blavatsky Lodge, French Bridge, Chaupatti

G. E. I. C. L. Boys' High School

Mr. B. N. Karanjia, the Mayor of Bombay paid tribute to the founders of the G.E.I.C.L. Boys High School Dadar which celebrated its Golden Jubilee on Friday evening.

In the course of the presidential address Mr. Karanjia said the institution was the biggest educational organization in the Province of Bombay so far as Secondary Education was concerned.

An appeal for additional grant from the Bombay Corporation was made by the Principal of the school.

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DRIFT IN POLICY OF JAIPUR STATE

Prajamandal Holds Protest Meeting

JAIPUR, (By Mail.)

A public meeting was held on the night of 15th December in Azad Chowk under the auspices of the Praja Mandal City Committee. The meeting was called to review the present political situation in Jaipur as it had developed since the departure of Seth Jamnala Bajaj from Jaipur. Many speakers took part but the burden of all speeches was the present drift in the policy of the Jaipur State towards non-co-operation with the Praja Mandal.

Sjt. Harishchandra opened the proceedings with a moving speech in which he drew a tragic picture of the terrible famine conditions prevailing in the State. He criticised the famine relief policy of the State which he described as half-hearted and ill-conceived.

NEW CUSTOMS REGULATIONS.

Sj. Narrotam Lal spoke of the Customs policy of the State with special reference to Shekhawati where the Custom cordon of the State has been recently extended to. He said that the new customs regulations were causing untold hardship in Shekhawati where conditions were totally different from those elsewhere in the State.

Sj. Paliwal, Editor the Agra 'Sainik' spoke next and explained the present war situation and its effect upon India. He next referred to the political deadlock in India between the Government and the Congress and warned the people of the States that they should not be indifferent to it as the national struggle, if it came, could not leave the State and their people unaffected.

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Dr. Boike To Popularise Chiropractic Treatment In Bombay

(From A Correspondent.)

Dr. Peter Boike, an American physician who established a Chiropractic institute at Calcutta and popularised the system of drugless treatment of all ailments is now in Bombay.

Chiropractic is the science of analysing, locating and curing the cause of disease in the human body without the use of drugs, surgery or other terapeutical appliances

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EPIDEMICS IN TEAK PLANTATIONS

An unofficial note issued with the compliments of the principal information officer, Government of India states that the Insect soldiers against teak pests are now despatched by airships and, in summer, in thermosflasks and ice-boxes.

For some years past the natural control of the defoliators of teak forests and the factors which cause epidemics have been under investigation in India and Burma. While in the poorer teak forests, the average annual loss may not amount to more than a rupee or two per acre, the severest epidemics in the best quality teak plantations may cause losses as high as Rs. 100 per acre As there are over 180,000 acres of teak plantations and thousands of square miles of teak forest. the aggregate damage done by the pests is considerable.

"Save The Kisans From Ruin"

(From Our Correspondent.)

KHANDWA, (By Mail.)

Sjt. Punamchand Gupta the Kisan Sabha President of the Harsud Tehsil has issued an appeal on behalf of the Kisans in the course of which he says.

"The Kisans of Nimar district and other places are again facing a grave tragedy, and, if not saved in time, they will be ruined. The failure of the agricultural crops from 1931 to 1939 is an additional fact which accentuated the misery of the agriculturist to-day With the advent of war prices of grain soared abnormally high. But the Government price controlling policy specially of the agricultural product grain is really speaking harming the poor agriculturist only The Kisan is compelled by his circumstances to sell his crop in the market. The merchants have dropped the prices of the grains so low that the Kisans are getting very low prices in the market.

The merchants are afraid with the price control policy of the Government and has thus lowered the market rates for purchasing grain on lower rates from the Kisans. The Government should take precautions to ensure that the agriculturist is enabled to profit by the wartime rise in prices, and the Kisans must not be left at the entire mercy of the merchants who are purchasing their corn according to their choice.

Problems Of Wartime Lighting

(From A Correspondent).

Addressing the members of the Safety First Association of India on "Wartime Lighting" on Tuesday night in the Conference Hall "Electric House," Mr. K. M. Khareghat said that street lighting need not be dimmed and what was required was proper control by shading Mr. W. T. Lane presided.

The speaker said that the main problem was how to ensure that the public would enjoy most of the usual amenities that they were accustomed to in peace time and still give no inkling of their presence and activities to enemy planes or raider ships. He was of the opinion that it was difficult to get an absolute blackout. but a relative blackout was possible.

Concluding he said that control of blackout could be obtained by dimming lights, which was a costly and wasteful process, and by the use of curved lights and properly shaded lamps. He considered screening cheap and quite effective when properly carried out; however, in a blackout fluorescent lighting was a great help in finding out one's way about. though the best way to blackout was by transparent polarizing glass plates Doors presented a special problem and the speaker advised that entry should always be made through light locks.

All-India Weather

Poona : December 22.

A few light falls of rain or snow occurred in Baluchistan and Kashmir. Night temperatures were appreciably below normal in Bombay Deccan and Hyderabad.

Forecast until the evening of 23rd :—Dry weather mainly

Earthquake Report.—An earthquake shock of great intensity at its origin about 3,400 miles away was recorded by the Bombay seismographs at 2 hrs. 40 minutes (Indian Standard Time) on Friday, 22nd.—A. P.

COLABA OBSERVATORY, BOMBAY.

Summary of Meteorological Observations during 24 hours ending 8 a.m. of 22-12-1939.

Change of 8 a.m. barometer in past 24 hours + 050 inches

Temperature (dry bulb) at 8 a.m. 72.1 degrees

Temperature (wet bulb) at 8 a.m. 66.8 degrees

Maximum temperature during 24 hours 87.5 degrees 1.5 (above normal)

Minimum temperature during 24 hours 67.3 degrees 0.6 (below normal)

Relative humidity at 8 a.m 74 per cent

Direction of wind at 8 a.m ESE

Velocity of wind at 8 a.m. 8 miles per hour

Total movement of wind in 24 hours 116 miles

Velocity of maximum gust of wind during 24 hours 13 miles per hour

Extent of cloud at 8 a.m. (the whole sky cloudy eq 10) 0

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EARTHQUAKE REPORT

An earthquake shock of great intensity at its origin about 3430 miles away with its epicentral at latitude 3.0 deg South and longitude 117 deg East near Celebes Island was recorded by the seismographs at the Colaba Observatory at 2 hours 40 mts. (I.S.T.) on Friday, the 22nd December, 1939

"Work The Reforms"

Cripps' Appeal To Nizam's Govt. Critics

HYDERABAD, December 19.

That the State Congress should work the constitutional reforms granted during July last by the Nizam was the point stressed by Sir Stafford Cripps when the State Congress leaders met at Rocklands yesterday evening before he proceeded to Wardha.

Sir Stafford who arrived here yesterday morning had a long interview with Sir Akbar Hydari when some prominent officials and non-officials were introduced to Sir Stafford and later the talks centred round the Hyderabad Reforms and the refusal of the Muslims and Congressmen to co-operate with the Government.

Sir Stafford advised them to talk over these problems with the Congress leaders. He also urged upon the Congressmen who waited on him to work the Reforms. He told them that the changes in British India would surely affect Indian States and Hyderabad would not be left alone but have to follow suit The question of constitutional monarchy and the demand of the Muslims for traditional representation and the styling of Hyderabad as a Muslim State also came in.

Sir Stafford said that Muslims could not hope for more seats and claim more concessions than were now accorded them in the declaration made by the Nizam announcing constitutional reforms.

Prior to meeting the Congress leaders Sir Stafford was invited to tea by Mir Akbar Alikhan where also the same topic was mooted. Muslims asked various questions affecting their interests and Sir Stafford told them that they could not expect better treatment and observed that 50 per cent. representation which they were allowed proved how far the Hindus had gone to meet their demands and proceeded that even according to population and proportional basis and even historically they were not entitled to such a proportion and hence hoped that Muslims instead of creating barriers in the way of the Government in introducing reforms should work them and be satisfied.

CENTRAL BUDGET SESSIONS BEGIN ON FEB. 6

NEW DELHI, Dec. 22

Summons by the Governor-General are being issued to-day for the members of the Central Legislative Assembly fixing February 6 next as the date for the commencement of the Budget Session.

With the Congress Party not attending the session, it is understood that half-day meetings will be held daily to enable Government members to attend to their office duties regularly.

The next Budget session will be the shortest on record, and will terminate before the end of March. With Congress Party's abstention, the Opposition becomes so weakned that in the last Simla session the Government was able to pass nineteen Bills including the Defence of India Bill within a few days—record legislative output for the autumn session.

The Railway Budget will probably be presented on February 14 and the General Budget on February 29, 1940, being a leap year.—United Press.

CALCUTTA SESSION OF MAHA SABHA

Reception Committee's Appeal

The Jt. Secretary, Reception Committee of the All-India Hindu Mahasabha writes:—

The Reception Committee has completed arrangements for the accommodation of delegates from outside Bengal and for the leaders who will be attending the ensuing session of the All-India Hindu Mahasabha to be held in Calcutta on the 28th, 29th and 30th Dec. next at the Deshbandhu Park. As yet, however, we have got no definite information as to number of delegates who will avail themselves of the accommodation facilities provided by the Reception Committee. We therefore, request all Provincial Hindu Sabhas to let us know immediately as to the number of delegates for whom the Reception Committee will have to make arrangements for accommodation

The President-elect will arrive at the Howrah Station on the 27th morning by the B. N. Rly., Bombay Mail.

We appeal to all Provincial Hindu Sabhas to so arrange the departure of delegates from their provinces as not to clash with the date and hour of the arrival of the President-elect.

UNDEMOCRATIC ACTION

Parel Hindu Sabha Criticizes Bole's Statement

The following resolution was passed at a meeting of the Managing Committee of the Parel Hindu Sabha held on 18th inst.

This meeting of the Managing Committee of Parel Hindu Sabha strongly protests against the statement alleged to have been made by Rao Bahadur S. K. Bole, the President of the Bombay Provincial Hindu Sabha to the representative of the "Times of India" and published in the issue of the "Times of India" of the 18th instant, withdrawing the Resolution recently passed by the Bombay Provincial Hindu Sabha at its annual General Meeting in connection with the "Deliverance Dey" appeal of Mr. M. A. Jinnah and asserts that, as the Hindu Sabha is a democratic organisation, its President has no right whatsoever to withdraw the resolution once passed except with the consent of the majority of the body.

This meeting, therefore, calls upon the Secretary of the Bombay Provincial Hindu Sabha to convene a meeting to discuss the constitutional issue involved so that proper action may be taken in the matter.

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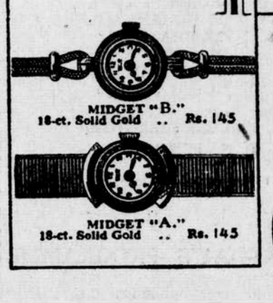

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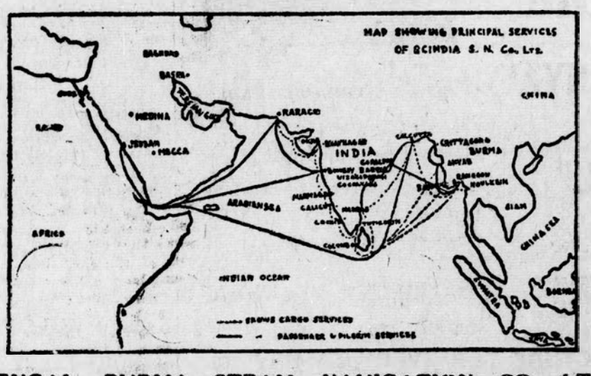

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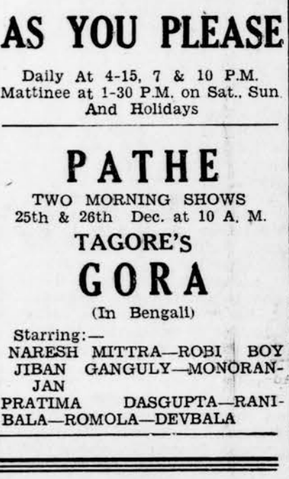

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By this reference the District Judge recommended that the pleader's "sanad" be cancelled for two years as a disciplinary action for unprofessional conduct.

It appeared that the pleader was sentenced to eight months' simple imprisonment in January 1938 on charges of cheating and forgery, and his appeal to High Court had been dismissed.

Their lordships, delivering judgment in the reference, observed that the offence committed by the pleader was so serious that his name could not be allowed to remain on the roll of pleaders. As he was a young man, the Court did not propose to make any remarks that would ruin his career. But it was the Court's duty to protect the public from dishonest pleaders. The Court, therefore, accepted the reference and directed that the pleader's name be struck off the rolls.

Sir Chimanlal Setalvad, appearing for the respondent, requested the Court that the respondent be permitted to apply for the renewal of his "sanad" after some time.

The Chief Justice observed that he did not think it necessary to mention this in the order. The Court had restored the "sanads" of many pleaders who were similarly dealt with, on their applying for it.

MASS KHADI-DRIVE IN RAJASTHAN

Hints To Beginners

Hari Bhau Upadhyaya, Gandhi Ashram, Ajmer, writes:—"In response to my appeal inviting information regarding the constructive activities carried on in Rajasthan, I have received many letters from various quarters. To those who are concerned with Khadi work, I want to stress the following facts:—Make the people of the locality Khadi-conscious, before starting production. Get at least one trained worker. The Rajasthan Branch of the A. I. S. A., will be helpful in this respect. The necessary capital should be raised from among the Khadi-lovers. No interest could be paid. Spinning should be encouraged. See that the production centres are opened in villages where enough cotton is available. People interested in spinning can get the necessary materials from the various Khadi-Bhandars in Rajasthan.

RUIA COLLEGE SOCIAL

The three-day annual gathering of the Ramnarain Ruia College ended on Monday evening at the College premises with an address to the students by Sir Chimanlal Setalvad.

On the first day the guests, the staff and the students were entertained to some fine music by Mrs. Gangubai Hangal, at the old Wellington Cinema, the next night boys and girls of the College staged "Udyanche Sansar". The performance was good, by general agreement the star-performance of the evening was given by Miss Oak, whose interpretation of the leading role, that of a long-suffering mother and wife, was natural.

Sir Chimanlal, in his address to the students, advised them to eschew communalism and work for the country.

Principal Bhagwat thanked the guests for taking interest in the welfare of the College.

All-India Hindustan Scout Mela At Amritsar

A contingent of 143 Scouts and Scouters including 19 Girl Scouts will be representing this Presidency in the great gathering of the National Scouts of India at Amritsar to be held from the 26th to 30th of December.

Prof. V. G Rao, Bombay's Provincial Scout Commissioner, was "At Home" to the Contingent on Tuesday, the 19th inst. and the first batch of 48 Scouts left by the Punjab Mail on the 20th inst. These will be reaching Amritsar on the afternoon of the 25th, after visiting Gwalior, Agra, Muttra and Delhi "en route."

The second batch of 95 Scouts and Scouters will leave Bombay by the Punjab Mail on Saturday, the 23rd inst. under the leadership of Mr. M. V. Donde, District Scout Commissioner of the Bombay Municipal Scouts' Association. The Hon. Mr. M. M. Pakwasa, Assistant Provincial Scout Commissioner, will be seeing them off at the V. T. Station.

Exempt Wakf From Property Tax

JAMIAT SHUBBAN AL-MUSLIMEEN'S DEMAND

(From A Correspondent)

At a meeting of the Executive Council of Jamiat Shubban Al-Muslimeen, the following resolution was passed unanimously. The meeting was held on 16th December, 1939:—

This meeting of the Executive Council of Jamiat Shubban Al-Muslimeen appeals to His Excellency Sir Roger Lumley, the Governor of Bombay and his advisers to reconsider the question of Property Tax imposed by the late Congress Government as it is the most unpopular tax levied by any Government hitherto.

This meeting of the Executive Council of Jamiat Shubban Al-Muslimeen requests His Excellency the Governor and earnestly appeals to him and his advisers to exempt all charitable properties from the said tax. It assures His Excellency the Governor that the exemption of immovable charitable properties from the said tax will highly be appreciated by the charitably-disposed people, the needy and the poor of every community.

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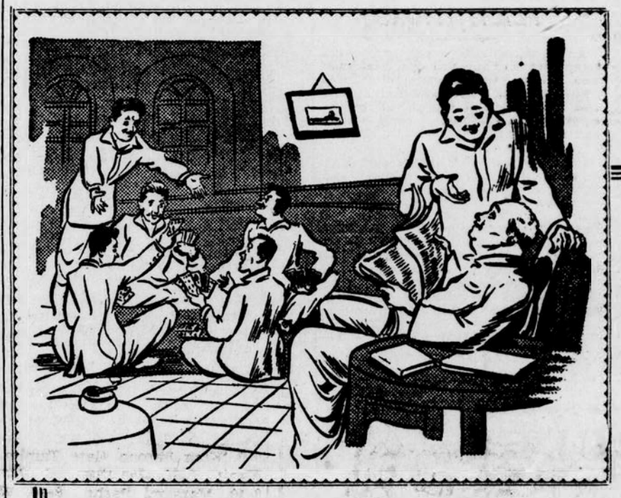

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Sixth Day Of X'mas Meeting

Acceptors, Weights And Order Of Running For Tuesday's Nine Events

The following are the Acceptors, Weights and Order of Running for the Sixth Day of the Bombay Christmas Meeting to be run at Mahalaxmi, on Boxing Day:—

FIRST RACE: 1-45 p. m.

THE BELLASIS PLATE. (Div. I.). Distance—1 Mile.

Winner Rs. 1,500; Second Rs. 450; Third Rs. 250. For Arabs in Class III.

W. A. Penalties—Winners in India after 29th July, 1939, once 4 lbs.; twice 7 lbs.; oftener 12 lbs. Allowance—Ponies 14 hands and under 4 lbs.

To be ridden by licensed Riding Boys and Apprentice Jockeys. Apprentice Jockeys to carry 5 lbs. Extra.

Layiq Pasha 9-3, Nashwan al Iraq 9-3, Argonaut Beg 9-1, Alam al Nasr 9-1, Sarie al Iraq 8-10, Raaji 9-1, Sabhan Hamid 9-1, Lovely One 9-1, Bayhas 9-1, Santa Claus 8-10, Sheriff 8-10, Sanjagh al Iraq 8-10, Abdal al Mosul 8-10, Hatim al Iraq 8-9, Astafer Allah (late Ajib) 8-6, The Pilot (late Radif al Iraq 8-4.

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SECOND RACE: 2-15 p.m.

THE BELLASIS PLATE. (Div. II) Distance—1 Mile.

Winner Rs. 1,500; Second Rs. 450; Third Rs. 250. For Arabs in Class III.

W. A. Penalties—Winners in India after 29th July, 1939, once 4 lbs.; twice 7 lbs.; oftener 12 lbs. Allowance—Ponies 14 hands and under 4 lbs.

Lucky Thought 9-3, Aziza 9-3, Khalaf Nassaf 9-1, Dalli al Iraq 9-1, Leilat Khalaf 9-1, Zahir 8-2, Sa'ad Faruq 9-1 Qudum al Khair 9-0, Silver Mine 9-0, King Farouq (late Tamim al Khair) 8-10, Jawahar al Mosul 8-10, Marsumi Pasha 8-10, Why Worry 8-4, King Hilal (late Hilal Prince) 8-2, Rabdan 8-2, Jambal 8-2.

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THIRD RACE: 2-45 p. m.

THE TULSI PLATE. (Div. I.) Distance—7 Furlongs.

Winner Rs. 2,000; Second Rs. 600; Third Rs. 300. A Handicap for Arabs in Class II.

Nur Jehan 9-0, Misbah al Muluk 9-0, Gani 8-0, Dahman Fadhil 7-7, Ala Mahlak 9-0, Faruq Pasha 8-12, Taj Subhan 8-11, Gaurishanker 8-11, Change of Luck (late Sarkhat Hamyar) 8-7, Miss Peggy (late Najmat Dahman) 8-5, Fire Fly 8-5, Khalaf Majnun 8-2, Hashim 8-0, Hadwan 8-0.

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FOURTH RACE: 3-15 p. m.

THE SHAHPUR PLATE. Distance—1 Mile.

Winner Rs. 2,500; Second Rs. 1,000; Third Rs. 500. A Handicap for Indian Horses in Class "A."

Harbour Light 9-4, Tippu Sultan 9-2, King's Wine 8-12, Wunderbar 8-7, Resperator 8-2, Formosa 8-2, Ironside 8-0, Can Can 8-0, Potato Jones 7-11, Welfare 7-11, Ophelia 7-5, Miss O. K. 7-7 Blue Bonnet 7-7.

FIFTH RACE: 3-45 p. m.

THE GAYDON PLATE. Distance—1 Mile, 1 Furlong.

Winner Rs. 2,000; Second Rs. 600; Third Rs. 300. A Handicap for Horses in Class IV.

Dante 9-5, Dark Wings 9-2, Koanga 9-0, Jayant 8-13, Mademoiselle Eileen 8-11 Appenzel 8-10, Naidor 8-10, Checkmate 8-7, Cendrillon 8-5, Talkless 8-5, Bright Lad 8-5, Night Alarm 8-0, Why Not 8-0, Osman Pasha 7-7, Lambeth Walk (late Kooch Nai) 7-7, No Regrets 7-4, Master Mint 7-4, Scotch 7-4.

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SIXTH RACE: 4-15 p. m.

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Royal Romance (late Gaspillage) 9-4, Loch Ness 8-7, Le Duc 8-4, Cash 7-12, Gangasagar II 7-7, Dignitary 7-10, Vidalin 7-9, Carioca 7-4, Gaul 7-4.

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SEVENTH RACE 4-45 p.m.

THE DONCASTER PLATE Distance—7 Furlongs.

Winner Rs. 6,000; Second Rs. 1,350; Third Rs. 900. A Handicap for Horses in Class II.

Spadassin 9-4, Usk 9-0, My Billy 8-11, Teller 8-7, Garden Warbler 8-4, What's What 7-13, Maroc 8-4, Faughan Hill 8-4, Pompeian 8-4, Cotys 8-0, Advance 7-11, Eastion 7-11, Banaraja's Choice 7-9.

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EIGHTH RACE: 5-15 p.m.

THE ROCKHAMPTON PLATE. Distance—1 Mile.

Winner Rs. 3,000; Second Rs. 900; Third Rs. 450. A Handicap for Horses in Class III.

Fighting Force 9-0, Lord Byron 8-1, Dick Tapper 9-0, Chanak 8-1 Brelan 9-0, Meddlesome 8-13. Archmoon 8-13, Footslogger 8-11 Sea Battle 8-8, Rose Marie 8-8, Bull Bee 8-7, Mark You 8-6, Coeur Brule 8-2, Guiding Queen 8-6, Bekorah 8-4, Mythical Monk 8-4, Don Valley 8-2, King of France 8-2, Torch Royal 8-0, Flambeau 7-11, Houdini 7-11, Aftalon 7-9, Royal Prince 7-5.

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NINTH RACE: 5-45 p.m.

THE TULSI PLATE (Div. II) Distance—7 Furlongs.

Winner Rs. 2,000; Second Rs. 600; Third Rs. 300. A Handicap for Arabs in Class II.

Gazal 9-0, Thousand Dollars 9-0, Banash Amer 8-11, Attaf Beg 8-11, Fair Play 8-9 Kaid Saoud 8-8, Zain ul Muluk 8-8, Kabadon Jamil 8-7, John Wilkes 8-7, Dahman Suri 7-13, Saad Nazam 8-6, Star of Kashmir 8-4, Mujbil Hamid 8-4, Star of Iraq (late Tharwath Beg) 8-3, Jabbar 8-3.

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2-45 p.m. The Punjab Plate.—5 Furlongs.

LIMELIGHT	1
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3-15 p.m. The Kempton Park Plate 1 1|4 Miles.

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4-15 p.m. The Mahim Plate 7 Furlongs.

TOMTIT	1
EASTERN PRIDE	2
MISS LENA	3

4-45 p.m. The Aga Shamshuddin Plate 6 Furlongs.

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ATHLETIC TOURNAMENTS IN BORDI

BORDI, (By Mail.)

Bordi is agog with the approach of the District Athletic Tournaments, to be held here this year on the S. P. Hakimji High School grounds. Nearly 75 teams have entered for various Indian and European team events and a number of competitors have applied for individual events in sports. The Tournaments will begin on Saturday, (23rd inst.) and after a crowded programme of games and sports will close on the 26th, at 3 p.m., when trophies will be awarded by Swami Kuvalayanandji, President, Board of Physical Education to the Bombay Government.

Along with the Tournament, a Khaddar Exhibition has been organised, which will be opened on 23rd instant by Swami Anand in the Wagh Library Hall.

"BAN ON INDIAN LABOUR UNJUST AND PEREMPTORY"

COLOMBO, Dec. 18.

The fact that the Planters' Association of Ceylon had taken "the ultimate line of attack" in regard to the removal of the ban on Indian labour immigration was disclosed by the Chairman of the Association, Mr. R. C. Scott, during the week-end.

Speaking at the annual meeting of the Ceylon Planters Society Mr. Scott said he had discussed the subject with Mr. Vittal Pai, the agent for the Government of India, and added:—"We looked upon the ban on immigration as a definite hardship to Indian labour, I think perfectly rightly. Mr. Pai on the other hand realises the full implications and the unfairness of the ban as regards immigrant labourers but he adopts very rightly too the Indian national attitude that the removal of the ban is the concern of the Government of Ceylon. I don't think there can be two different opinions in this respect.

"It was the peremptory and unjust action of the Government of Ceylon in abandoning the daily-paid Indian servants that was entirely responsible for the drastic action India was driven to. I cannot at this moment give you very much information about the possible removal of this ban, but I want you to know that the Planters Association have taken the ultimate line of attack in regard to its removal."—A. P.

ALLEGED ASSAULT

Case Compounded

The case in which two businessmen of the City figured as the complainant and accused respectively, was marked compounded by Mr. Oscar Brown, Presidency Magistrate, Third Court, as the parties expressed their willingness to compound the case.

The complainant was Mr. Louis Pinney, a partner in the firm of Fatorhe Freres Ltd. The original charge against Frank Mackenzie was that of causing grievous hurt to the complainant but the Magistrate after examining the medical evidence reduced it to one of simple hurt. At this stage the parties wished to compound the case and permission was given.

The complainant stated that while he was leaving Grand Hotel on the night of December 4, the accused rushed up to him and hit him under the chin. He struck against a support post and was stunned for some time. Accused put him in a taxi and continued to assault him.

In the meanwhile the accused's wife hastened to the spot but the accused would not allow her to go near the taxi. Complainant then drove to the Palton Road Police Station and lodged a complaint. The upper portion of one of his ears, he said, was completely severed.

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ANTI-CONGRESS SPEECHES ON 'DELIVERANCE DAY'

(Continued from page 16)

dice and fairplay for one and all. The Congress, that preaches Democracy but practises ruthless Dictatorship makes me cry out: Democracy, what crime are committed in thy name!

This day of deliverance on which we have gathered here without consideration of caste and creed gives me great hopes that we shall soon be achieving the goal for which one and all of us are striving, namely, the Independence of India.

This is more a protest against the Fascist and totalitarian methods of the Congress High Command.

CALL TO GOVERNOR

"I should like to make it clear that His Excellency the Governor should enquire into the legitimate grievances of the Musalmans and other minorities and the wrongs done to them by the outgoing ministry and redress the same at the earliest moment.

"That does not mean that we like being ruled in this way. India is our country and as such we have every right to rule ourselves and it will be a day of great rejoicing when we achieve independence. I regret to say that the Governors not having gone through the legitimate grievances of the Muslims and other minorities, have thought fit to praise the Congress Government."

Ambedkar's Logic

Dr. Ambedkar associating himself with the resolution said that it was facile logic to argue that since the Governor did not interfere, the grievances of the Muslims and other minorities did not exist. The Congress, before accepting office had asked for an assurance that the Governor should not interfere in the normal administration. This assurance meant that "the Congress Ministry compelled the Governor to sign the warrant of execution of the minorities. When the Governor gave the assurance, it meant that he abdicated his special responsibilities with regard to the minorities."

In face of absolute majorities which the Congress obtained in the majority of the Provinces, with no possibility of alternative Government, the Governor was 'nothing but a prisoner of the Congress, nothing but a rubber-stamp.'

He then referred to the grievances of the "untouchables" under the Congress rule.

It was wrong to say that the minorities were putting a veto on the progress of the country. "We are all prepared to be ruled by a majority, provided the majority provides sufficient safeguard for our rights," he added.

Sir Byramji Jeejeebhoy claimed to voice the feelings of the Parsi community in lending support to the resolution.

Mr. M. N. Talpade, a prominent local Hindu Mahasabhite, said that he supported the "Deliverance Day" because he was convinced that it was not meant against the Hindu community but only against the Congress. He looked upon Mr. Jinnah as Ambassador of Unity and urged all those who were opposed to the Congress to unite under Mr. Jinnah's leadership. He hoped that Mr. Jinnah would bring about the Hindu-Muslim unity sooner than the Congress.

Jinnah For All Communities!

Mr. Jinnah, in the course of his speech said that even other communities had realised the justice of their cause and added, "We want justice, we want 'izzat,' not for ourselves alone, but for all Communities."

The Muslims, he said, were always ready to fight for independence. But the Congress High Command must go. Unless the High Command was broken there could not be real freedom. Their policy was based on falsehood and hypocrisy. They were bound to fail as they refused to face the realities.

MUSLIM INTERESTS JEOPARDISED

(Continued from page 16)

elsewhere were no less thankful than men, to the Almighty, for the relief that had been given to the Muslims from the oppressive rule of Congress Ministries. During the two and a half years that the Congress had been in office in seven provinces, minority communities had been subjected to various kinds of humiliations. It was a matter for gratification that Mr. Jinnah had given a bold lead to these minorities. Their grievances were not against Hindus but against the Congress.

The Muslim League, continued Begum Hafizuddin, was the only organisation which could speak with authority on behalf of every Muslim whether man or woman. She hoped that every self-respecting Muslim would join this organisation.

FAILURE OF CONGRESS

Mrs. Shufi Tyabji moved resolution affirming that it was the considered opinion of the meeting that the Congress Ministry had failed to safeguard the rights and interests of the Muslims and other minorities. The resolution which was the same as the one moved at similar meetings on the same day, further asserted that the Congress had flouted Muslim opinion, destroyed their culture, interfered with their religious life and had trampled upon their economic and political rights. It proceeded to express a sense of relief at the termination of the Congress Ministries and urged upon the governor to redress the grievances of the Muslims.

Mrs Shufi Tyabji in moving the resolution referred to the opposition to the observance of the day, which was being characterised as an anti-Hindu move. She asserted that it was not a demonstration against any religion and it was not fair to give it a religious label.

She proceeded to say that the Congress regimes were oppressive towards the minorities and other non-Congress political organisations.

Muslim culture was being seriously jeopardised by the methods pursued by the Congress. It was but natural that they should feel a sense of relief at the resignation of the Ministries.

CONFIDENCE IN JINNAH

Mrs. Somjee in seconding the resolution said that the Congress became power-mad and tried to crush the Muslims and other minorities. If only they had acted justly and fairly, there would have been no occasion to observe a "Deliverance Day" at all.

She was glad that some Hindus and Parsees had joined them in their demonstration.

The Muslim community had complete confidence in the leadership of Mr. Jinnah and she hoped he would be blessed with a long life.

GUJARAT LEAGUERS' GRIEVANCES

Governor Assures Inquiry

AHMEDABAD, Dec. 22.

Their several grievances in Gujarat were voiced by a deputation of Muslim Leaguers from different places in Gujarat to the Governor of Bombay this afternoon.

The deputationists, it is understood, also made certain allegations against the former Congress Government.

Replying, the Governor is understood to have said that he could not say anything about these complaints for the present without due inquiry.—United Press.

REPLY TO HUQ'S CHARGE-SHEET

"Nagpur Times" Recalls Gentleman's Agreement Between C. P. Premier And Liaquatali Khan

NAGPUR, Dec. 22.

In reply to the charges of Mr. A. K. Fazlul Huq, Premier of Bengal, against the Congress Ministry in C.P., the "Nagpur Times" has published this morning under the caption "Irrefutable proof of hollowness, of atrocity allegations" the full text of what it calls "Gentleman's Agreement" arrived at between the Muslim members of the C. P. and Berar Legislative Assembly and Mr. R. S. Shukla, the then Premier of C. P. and Berar in the presence and with the approval of Nawabzada Liaquatali Khan, Honorary Secretary of the All-India Muslim League.

The grievances of the Muslims, the paper adds, were examined at a conference on February 7 and 8 last and an agreement was reached on each point and the agreed conclusions put in black and white and a paper signed by Mr. Shukla and Nawabzada, as the Premier and League Secretary respectively.—United Press.

Bombay M. L. A. In Pronibition Case

When the case in which Namdeo Rao Budhaji Rao Patil, a member of the Bombay Legislative Assembly, and four others are charged for breach of Prohibition Rules came up for further hearing before Mr. T. T. Barodawala, Presidency Magistrate, Girgaum Court, the Police Prosecutor, Mr. B. A. Dalal applied for an adjournment.

This was objected to by Mr. Shete, Counsel for the accused but the Magistrate after hearing the argument advanced by Mr. Dalal and Mr. Shete adjourned the case till 12th of January 1940.

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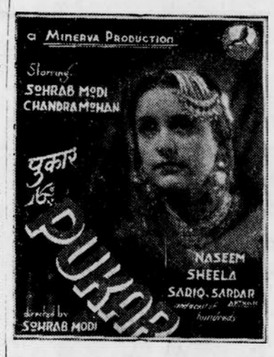

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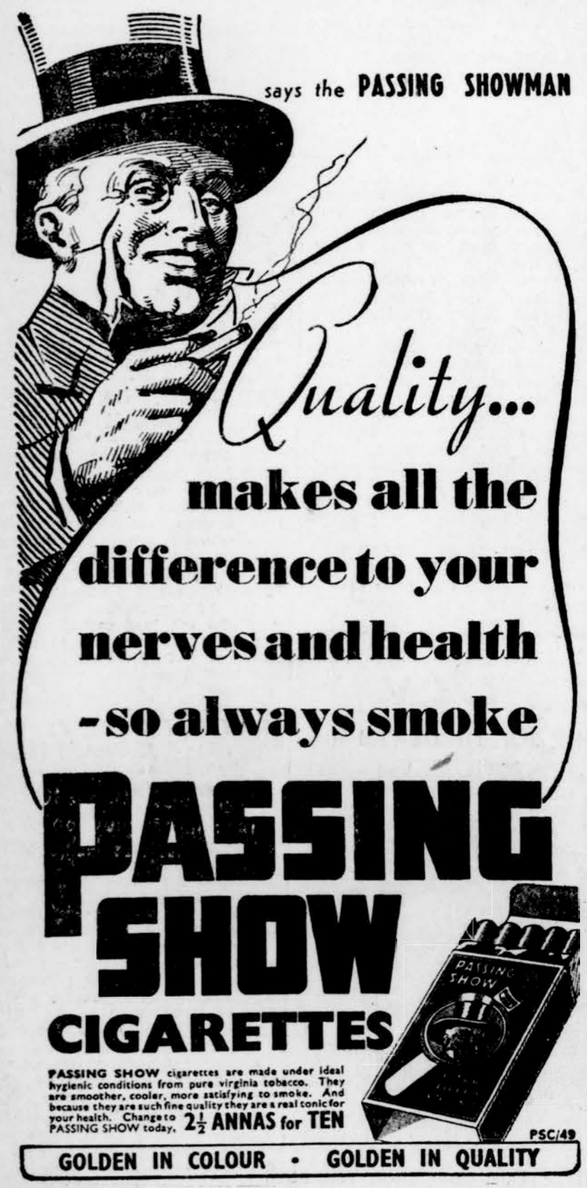
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Weekly Market Reviews

(From Our Special Correspondent.)

Bombay, Dec. 22.

MONEY

With the approach of the year-end, money was in better demand, day-to-day funds being quoted between 1-3/4 and 2 per cent. Term money rates also hardened in sympathy and 3 and 6 months' money was quoted between 2-1/4 and 2-3/8 per cent. per annum.

A statement of affairs of the Reserve Bank of India made upto the week ended 15th December 1939 records an increase of Rs. 402.57 lacs in the total note issue, but the increase in the volume of notes in circulation in India is only Rs. 37.42 lacs. Rupee Coins to the extent of Rs. 97.64 lacs have been withdrawn from the Bank. Further Rs. 5 crores were added to the Bank's portfolio of Sterling Securities, which now stands at Rs. 97.50 crores, being the highest level recorded since the Reserve Bank of India started operating. The ratio of gold plus sterling assets to total liabilities is up by 1.106 to 57.772 per cent. In the Banking Department, Government Deposits show an increase of Rs. 90.66 lacs and Bankers' Deposits have likewise risen by Rs. 147.24 lacs. On the other hand, Balances held abroad are down by Rs. 285.10 lacs, whilst Government borrowings under 'Ways and Means' amount to Rs. 65 lacs.

A statement of affairs of the Imperial Bank of India made upto 15th December 1939 reveals an increase of Rs. 45.90 lacs in Deposits, but the Bank's Investment Portfolio has declined by Rs. 206.86 lacs. Advances show a rise of Rs. 114.64 lacs and the Cash balance of the Bank has swollen by Rs. 141.43 lacs to Rs. 11.19 crores.

GILT-EDGED

The past was a comparatively dull week on the local gilt-edged market with little or no change in quotations. The volume of business transacted was also small. 3-1/2 per cent. India Sterling Stock in London kept steady around £81-1/2, but 3-1/2 per cent. Rupee Paper locally slowly but steadily improved from Rs. 87-8 to Rs. 87-10 at the close. There was very little inquiry in other dated bonds, excepting 2-3/4 per cent. 1948-52 loan and 5 per cent. 1945-55 (tax free) loan, business in which was reported at Rs. 91-10 and Rs. 110-7 respectively during the week. 3 per cent. 1941 bonds were practically neglected around Rs. 100-12 and 3 per cent. 1951-54 loan around Rs. 92-14. 3-1/2 per cent. 1947-50 loan remained pegged at Rs. 99-2 and 4 per cent. 1943 bonds at Rs. 103-10. 4 per cent. 1960-70 loan found sellers at Rs. 102-6 and 3 per cent. 1963-65 loan at Rs. 86-10. 4-1/2 per cent. 1955-60 loan ruled somewhat easier at Rs. 106-12 and 5 per cent. 1940-43 loan at Rs. 102-1.

EXCHANGE

Sterling exchange was steady throughout the week under review in the absence of any sizable remittance inquiry and fair business in connection with export of gold. Sellers of Spot T. T. quoted 1s. 5-63/64d. and buyers 1s. 6-1/64d. Merchant rates were unchanged as under:—

In the New York foreign exchange market, sterling continued to improve in terms of the dollar and the sterling/dollar cross-rate was marked up by stages from 393.12 cents to 395 cents, closing at ..... cents. The discount on sterling for three months' forward delivery narrowed from 6-1/4 cents to 5-7/8 cents, but widened again at the close to 6 cents. In the London market, the official buying and selling rates for various currencies were as under:—

The sterling/dollar rate 404 and 402 cents; the sterling/franc rate 177 and 176 francs; the sterling/guilder rate 7.58 and 7.52; and the sterling/belga rate 24.45 and 24.00. The lira was quoted at 77.75 during the week. Among the Far Eastern exchange, the Shanghai dollar showed little or no change around 4-1/4d., whilst the yen varied between 1s. 2-13/32d. and 1s. 2-11/32d. during the week.

GOLD.

Opening at Rs. 41-15-6, spot gold advanced to Rs. 42 on Saturday and after a temporary reaction to Rs. 41-13 on Monday, kept steady between Rs. 41-14-6 and Rs. 41-15-3 throughout the rest of the week, around which level fair business for export was reported. January settlement gold stood at a premium of 1 anna 6 pies over spot and the contango between January and February settlements varied between 3-1/2 and 4 annas. In London, the price of spot gold remained unchanged at 168 shilling per ounce. The price of sovereigns in the local market improved from Rs. 26-11 to Rs. 26-12. Floating stocks of gold are estimated at about 300,000 tolas, whilst arrivals from upcountry average about 20,000 to 25,000 tolas a day. The average daily offtake for trade purposes is estimated at 1,500 tolas. The highest and lowest rates recorded during the week were: Rs. 42 and Rs. 41-13 for spot, Rs. 42 2 and Rs. 41-14-6 for January settlement and Rs. 42-5-6 and Rs. 42-2-9 for February settlement.

SILVER.

Spot silver opened at Rs. 61-12 and advanced the same evening to Rs. 64-13 on speculative buying in sympathy with the rise in the price of cotton. On Monday, the Reserve Bank of India issued the following notification to dealers in Silver and the Authorities of the Bullion Exchange::—

"In exercise of power conferred by the Government of India, Finance Department (Central Revenues) Notification No. 62, dated the 28th October 1939, the Reserve Bank of India is prepared to grant licenses for the import of silver by sea or land into British India subject to the following conditions:—

(1) A license holder must undertake to sell the imported silver at a price not below such minimum or above such maximum as may be fixed from time to time by the Reserve Bank of India;

(ii) A license holder must undertake to submit a true return of the cost of the silver as landed in India made up of the cost price, freight, insurance, other importation charges and interest on capital;

(iii) (a) A license holder must agree to pay to the Reserve Bank of India a proportion of the difference between his selling price and the import parity in the following proportion:—

The first eight annas of the difference and four annas out of the next eight annas and out of the first rupee to be retained by the license holder and four annas to be paid to the Bank.

Out of the second rupee four annas to be retained by the license holder and twelve annas paid to the Bank.

Out of the third rupee two annas to be retained by the license holder and fourteen annas to be paid to the Bank.

Out of the fourth and subsequent rupees one anna to be retained by the license holder and fifteen annas to be paid to the Bank.

(b) Imports will be made entirely at the risk of the license holder;

(c) The decision of the Manager, Reserve Bank of India, in regard to the estimated import parity will be final, for the purposes of determining the share to be paid to the Bank;

(iv) Exchange in payment of the price of the imported silver must be done at the official control rates;

(v) The amount to be paid to the Bank shall be deposited with the Manager of the Reserve Bank before a license is actually issued.

(2) An applicant for a license should first find out from the Manager, Reserve Bank of India, Bombay, the minimum rate at which he may sell and state the quantity for which he requires a license. He will then be asked to sign the required undertaking and will be informed of the quantity for which a license will be issued to him. A license will not be issued for less than 100 bars. He will then proceed to fix up a selling contract on the basis of this information and should produce evidence to the satisfaction of the Manager that a genuine contract for the sale of that particular quantity of silver has been entered into. On his doing so and on his making the necessary deposit a license to cover the quantity sold will be issued to him.

(3) The conditions on which a license will be granted are liable to be changed at any time at the discretion of the Reserve Bank of India."

The minimum and maximum prices fixed by the Reserve Bank of India for the sale of imported fine silver covered by licence are Rs. 62 and Rs. 64 per 100 tolas respectively until further notice.

This announcement was responsible for a small reaction in the price of spot silver, the quotation declining to Rs. 61-15. During the rest of the week, the market remained stabilised between Rs. 61-14 and Rs. 62-10. Some business for import from America was booked during the week, but the volume of transactions was much smaller compared with the turnover during the two previous weeks. Although the Reserve Bank of India continued to supply silver freely foradelivery ex His Majesty's Mint in Bombay, the demand for such silver was much smaller owing to the fact that the import parity for America was lower than the Reserve Bank's selling price. In London, spot silver improved mid-week to 23-1/2d. as against the opening level of 23-3/8d, but thereafter gradually declined and closed at 23-3/8d, while two months' forward silver commanded a premium varying between 1/8d and 3/16d. Stocks of silver are estimated at about 45,000 bars, while the average daily offtake is small at 120 bars. Imports during the week amounted to Rs. 24,660 in silver coins. The highest and lowest rates recorded were: Rs. 64-14 and Rs. 61-12 for spot, Rs. 65-2 and Rs. 62-1 for January settlement and Rs. 65-10 and Rs. 62-10 for February settlement.

SHARES.

The share market was firm in the early part of the week under report with prices touching almost record levels in the case of Steel shares since the present upward movement started after the war. Tata Iron and Steel Deferreds touched the high level of Rs. 2255 on Tuesday and Ordinaries were quoted at Rs. 426. At this level, there was considerable profit-taking and owing to the impending Christmas holidays, business became narrow and price movements were comparatively small during the latter part. Deferreds ranged between Rs. 2200 and Rs. 2245, closing at Rs. 2217-8 and Ordinaries moved between Rs. 415 and Rs. 422, closing at Rs. 417-8. Mill shares were, however, comparatively easier following weakness in raw cotton and there was profit-taking all-round. Bombay Dyeings, after a temporary advance to Rs. 1200, declined gradually and closed at Rs. 1137-8, whilst Centuries gradually lost ground from Rs. 436-8 to Rs. 415 at the finish. Central Indias touched Rs. 401 earlier in the week, but were later marked down to Rs. 368 at the close, whereas Colaba Lands slowly declined from Rs. 237-8 to Rs. 218-8. Kohinoors were done up to Rs. 480 at the beginning, but closed lower at Rs. 450. New Greats, on the other hand, saw small fluctuations and ranged between Rs. 485 and 455, closing at Rs. 462. The Hydro-electric group of shares maintained a general steady tone during the week. Andhra Valleys moved between Rs. 1490 and Rs. 1505 and Tata Powers between Rs. 1400 and Rs. 1360, whilst Bombay Trams moved in the vicinity of Rs. 131. Tata Hydros, on the other hand, kept moving down from Rs. 157-8 to Rs. 155-8 at the finish. Bank and Railway shares were steady with very little doing; Bank of Indias were quoted around Rs. 137 and Central Banks around Rs. 33-14, whilst Imperial Bank Fully Paids were time and again done at rates varying between Rs. 1480 and Rs. 1497-8, and Partly Paids between Rs. 361-4 and Rs. 368-12. Reserve Banks changed hands at Rs. 107 as against the opening level of Rs. 103 In the miscellaneous section, Associated Cements were marked down owing to considerable selling pressure, declining from Rs. 145 to Rs 138-4 at the close, Bombay Burmas, on the other hand, ruled fairly steady, quoting Rs. 693-12xd at the finish, whilst Belapur Sugars varied between Rs. 266 and Rs. 255, closing steadier at Rs. 259. Scindia Steams ruled quite steady at Rs. 26-6 and New Indias at Rs. 35.

CALCUTTA.

Jute shares in the Calcutta market ruled quietly steady throughout the week with little business transacted. The price of hessians gradually declined from Rs. 21-4 to Rs. 19-8, but reacted and closed steadier at Rs. 20.

Cotton Room Rates

Bombay, Dec 22

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Pepper ready Lampong in C.I.F. per cwt		11	4 0
Ginger ready unbleached per cwt.		19	0 0
Ginger ready bleached per cwt		22	0 0
Ginger Maha Sud 15th per cwt		21	4 0
Ginger Chaitra Sud 15th per cwt		23	0 0

COTTON TENDERS

Bombay, Dec 22

	To-day	Total
Bengal D/J	700	2250
Oomra D/J	250	2500

LONDON EXCHANGES

London, Dec 21

T T London on :—	
New York	4.02/4.04
Paris	176/177
Madrid	38.50
Montreal	4.43/4.47
Amsterdam	7.56/7.58
Brussels	24.00/24.25
Milan	77.75
Berne	17.80/17.95
Copenhagen	20.31
Stockholm	16.85/16.95
Oslo	17.65/17.75

GROUNDNUTS & SEEDS

Bombay, Dec 22

Castorseeds May :—			
Opening	Rs.	53	0 0
Highest		55	8 0
Lowest		53	0 0
Closing		54	8 0
Groundnuts February :—			
Opening		39	8 0
Highest		39	15 6
Lowest		38	14 0
Closing		39	3 0
Cottonseeds January :—			
Opening		25	8 0
Highest		26	4 6
Lowest		25	4 0
Closing		26	1 5
Cottonseeds May—			
Opening		27	1 0
Highest		27	15 6
Lowest		27	1 0
Closing		27	15 0

BOMBAY YARN QUOTATIONS

Bombay Dec 22

Yarn No. 6 1/2s December 145 February 147 April 143
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Yarn No. 20 1/2s December 227 February 232 April 237
Yarn No. 40s December 267 February 288 April 289

BOMBAY METALS

Bombay, Dec 22

Yellow metal sheets	Rs.	75	0 0
Copper sheets	Rs.	96	0 0

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CHECK ON SILVER SPECULATION

New Delhi, Dec 22

The steps taken by the Government of India are believed to have salutary effect on the speculative rise in silver prices.

Government's willingness to sell silver, to allow imports of American silver under licence and to permit tendering standard in place of refined silver in conjunction with the Bombay Bullion Market and the fixing of price within limits Rs 62 and Rs 65 per 100 tolas, it is understood, would check the speculative spurt.

The "United Press" learns that there is no immediate intention to issue one rupee or two and a half rupee notes as was done during the last war, but if circumstances demand Government would consider such issue.

Government appear to feel that rise in the price of silver would not in any way affect the exchange rate which would be maintained at 18d.

The "United Press" learns that experiments are being made at Bombay and Calcutta to produce security edge rupees which would make counterfeiting an impossible and costly process but no decision has yet been taken as to when new rupees will be introduced.—United Press.

American Cotton Figures

F P Bales	1939-40	1938-39
Receipts to date 21-12-39	4566000	2934000
Receipts yesterday 21-12-39	22000	4000
Exports to date 21-12-39	2938000	1918000
Stock at Ports 15-12-39	3196000	3085000
Stock at Interior Towns 15-12-39	3446000	3467000
Stock at Liverpool 15-12-39		1066000
Visible Supply 15-12-39		7905000
Quantity in sight 15-12-39	8862000	7015000
Quantity out of sight 15-12-39		4745000

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Deliverance Day In Delhi

Leaguers Praise Jinnah And Nationalist Muslims Condemn His Leadership

NEW DELHI, Dec. 22.

The Muslims of Delhi are divided in their allegiance to the All-India Muslim League. This fact was revealed at the two meetings held to-day, one inside the Juma Masjid and the other outside.

While the meeting held outside the Juma Masjid under the auspices of the Muslim League offered prayers in connection with the "Deliverance Day" and reaffirmed its faith in Mr. Jinnah's leadership, the meeting inside the mosque, which was attended by Nationalist Muslims, condemned Mr. Jinnah's move which they characterised as harmful to the cause of India and, ultimately, independence.—United Press.

SPECIAL PRAYERS IN CALCUTTA

CALCUTTA, Dec. 22.

The Day of "Deliverance" and thanksgiving was observed in Calcutta and suburbs in accordance with the directions of the All-India Muslim League.

After the usual Jumma prayer, a special prayer was held in every mosque at 1 p.m. At 2-20 p.m., a mass meeting was held at the foot of the Ochterlony Monument under the presidency of Mr. Abdur Rauf. Several speakers addressed the gathering.—United Press.

DELIVERANCE DAY FIASCO AT PATNA

(From Our Correspondent.)
PATNA, Dec. 22.

Mr. Jinnah's Deliverance Day inspite of the Muslim League's supreme efforts has turned to be a poor show at Patna. The day is not observed in all mosques. The Muslim divines, Shias, Momins and other non-League Muslims were conspicuously absent. Gathering were the same as on Juma day. Hitherto no untoward incident is reported but there is likely to be counter-demonstration by non-Leaguer Muslims. It is understood, Government had circularised the District Officers a few days back to ban all processions and demonstrations as regards the Deliverance Day.

At Allahabad

ALLAHABAD, Dec. 22.

Presided over by Mr. Zahur Ahmed, M.L.A., a local Muslim League leader a public meeting was held this evening in Mohomedally Park in observance of the "Deliverance Day."

A resolution on the lines suggested by Mr. Jinnah was adopted.

Nothing untoward happened as other Muslims, opposed to the "Deliverance Day", either kept out of the meeting or remained distant spectators.—United Press.

CELEBRATIONS IN LAHORE

LAHORE, Dec. 22.

In observance of the "Deliverance Day" of Muslims, a well-attended public meeting was held at Badshahi mosque after the Juma prayers. About 3,000 Muslims attended.—United Press.

At Poona

(From Our Correspondent)
POONA, Dec. 22.

In pursuance of instructions of Mr. Jinnah the local Muslims congregated at several mosques in the city and cantonments areas where prayers were offered in commemoration of the "Deliverance Day".

Prayers passed off peacefully.

In Peshawar

PESHAWAR, Dec. 22.

The "Deliverance Day" passed off peacefully, the Muslim Leaguers holding a meeting with about 1,000 attending. Mr. Aurangazebe Khan, Leader of the Opposition in the Assembly and Mian Ziauddin and other Muslim League leaders addressed the gathering giving a catalogue of the 'injustices,' and atrocities," of the Congress Ministries.

JINNAH'S REAL MOTIVE

The Congress-Ahrars also held meetings to-day. Mr. Arbab Abdul Ghaffur Khan, ex-Parliamentary Secretary addressing a huge gathering of Pathans at the Mahabatkhan Mosque said that Mr. Jinnah's real motive in appointing such a day was to accentuate communal feelings and divert people's attention from the goal of independence and strengthen the hands of Imperialism.

He added that the heart of the Muslim masses was sound and Mr. Jinnah's latest acrobatics only exposed the character of his leadership

Maulana Abdul Quaiyum Popalzai an Ahrar leader, speaking at noon at the Qasimali mosque said that the Muslim leaguers under Mr. Jinnah's leadership wanted only deliverance from freedom and remain contended slaves.

Adequate police arrangements had been made in the city.—United Press.

Anti-Congress Speeches On 'Deliverance Day'

High Command Charged With Trying To Evade Inquiry By Opposing Royal Commission

A huge meeting of the Muslims was held at Mohamad Ali Road, on Friday night to observe the "Deliverance Day" under the presidentship of Mr. I. I. Chundrigar.

The meeting was also attended by the representatives of the Harijan and Parsi communities, as well as a few Mahasabhites.

SPEECHES WERE MADE IN WHICH IT WAS ASSERTED THAT THE FIGHT WAS NOT AGAINST THE HINDU COMMUNITY BUT AGAINST THE CONGRESS.

SIR SIKANDAR HYAT KHAN, THE PREMIER OF THE PUNJAB WHO IS IN BOMBAY NOW, CONSPICUOUS BY HIS ABSENCE.

"PUCCA" POLICE BUNDOBUST WAS MADE AT THE MEETING PLACE AND THE NEAREST APPROACHES.

In the course of his speech Mr. I. I. Chundrigar, M.L.A., the Chairman said:—

"You are all aware of the object of this meeting, which is to observe this day as the "Day of Deliverance" and thanksgiving as a mark of relief at the Congress Governments ceasing to function.

MINISTERIAL CRISIS

The resignations of the Congress Ministries are not in furtherance of India's independence but as a protest against the denial of the claim of the Congress by H. E. the Viceroy that the latter should negotiate with the Congress alone and no one else. The resignations are not with the object of advancing India's case but solely with a view to advance its bogus claim that it alone represents the whole of India and that everybody else and all other interests should be ignored.

CONGRESS PROPAGANDA

Failing in all their other attempts to misrepresent the observance of "Deliverance Day" the Congress came out with another misrepresentation that the Muslims welcome the present administration by advisers, as they express relief at the deliverance from the Congress administration. This propaganda is equally false and malicious. The proposed resolution, far from welcoming the present administration prays for the establishment of truly popular Ministries, which would do even justice to all communities and interests.

ROYAL COMMISSION AND AFTER

The Congress Working Committee once suggested that they may appoint the Chief Justice of India to inquire into the charges. Mr. B. G. Kher, the ex-Prime Minister in his statement of the 7th instant, stated that he was prepared to have the charges tried by any judicial authority. Mr. Gandhi himself stated in his statement of December 9th that Mr. Jinnah had referred the allegations to the Viceroy and the Governors and that the observance of this day should be postponed until at least they had come to a decision. Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru suggested reference to the Hague Tribunal. All these statements show that the Congress were trying to make a show that they were ready to have the charges inquired into either by H. E. the Viceroy, or the Governors or by the Chief Justice of India or by any judicial authority. The moment Mr. Jinnah came out with a proposal on 13th December 1939 that he was willing to have these charges inquired into by a Royal Commission, all these challenges were withdrawn and inquiry is now sought to be avoided on the most novel ground that the Royal Commission will be a creature of the British Government and a foreign agency, whom they cannot recognise. May I know if the Hague Tribunal suggested by Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru will be a pure Swadeshi tribunal to say nothing about the Chief Justice of India, the Viceroy and the Governors?

I welcome my friend Dr. Ambedkar who has come out with an appeal to support the observance of this day to members of his community, who form a very important minority in this Province and all over India of no less than 60 millions.

MUSLIM INTERESTS NEGLECTED

The speaker then enumerated the charges against the Congress Government. The introduction of the joint electorate in the Local Bodies, the deletion of the existing provisions in the Bombay Municipal Act regarding the reservation of 4 seats for the Muslims in the Schools Committee, the re-distribution of the Wards reducing the Muslim representation, the abolition of nominations to Local Bodies and the imposition of the Property Tax which laid heavy burden on the Mussalmans.

The introduction of text books, the Nai Kitab series in Urdu schools by the Congress Government was an attempt to destroy Muslim culture.

CHARGE AGAINST CONGRESS GOVERNMENT

Sir Currimbhoy Ibrahim moved the following resolution:—

"This public meeting of the Mussalmans of Bombay records its opinion that the Congress Ministry has conclusively demonstrated and proved the falsehood of the Congress claim that it represents all interests, justly and fairly, by its decidedly anti-Muslim policy.

It is the considered opinion of this meeting that the Congress Ministry has failed to safeguard the rights and interests of the Mussalmans and other minorities and interests.

That the Congress Ministry, both in the discharge of their duties of the administration and in the Legislature have done their best to flout the Muslim opinion and destroy Muslim culture and has interfered with their religious and social life, and trampled upon their economic and political rights.

That in matters of difference and disputes the Congress Ministry invariably has sided with, supported and advanced the cause of Hindus, in total disregard and to the prejudice of the Muslim and other interests.

The Congress Government constantly interfered with the legitimate and routine duties of the District Officers, even in petty matters, to the serious detriment of the Mussalmans, and thereby created an atmosphere which spread a belief among the Hindu public that there was established a "Hindu Raj", and emboldened the Hindus mostly Congressmen to ill-treat Muslims at various places and interfere with their elementary rights of freedom.

This meeting therefore expresses its deep sense of relief at the termination of the Congress regime in various provinces and rejoices in observing this day as the day of deliverance from tyranny, oppression and injustice during the last two and half years and prays to God to grant such strength, discipline and organisation to Muslim India as successfully to prevent the advent of such a Ministry again and to establish a truly popular Ministry which would do even justice to all communities and interests.

This meeting urges upon His Excellency the Governor of Bombay and his Council of Advisers to enquire into the legitimate grievances of the Mussalmans and wrongs done to them by the outgoing Congress Ministry, and redress the same at the earliest moment in accordance with the announcements that have been made by the Governors in taking over the Government of the various provinces under Section 93 of the Government of India Act of 1935 and thus assure the people that the new regime stands for even justice to all communities and interests concerned.

In the course of his speech Sir Currimbhoy said: "The Congress Ministry in the Legislature has done its best to flout Muslim opinion and to destroy Muslim culture, has interfered with the religious and social life and trampled upon their economic and political rights.

"The Muslim League, the only representative body of the Muslims, is working for an equal voice in a free country with jus-

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Muslims Offer Prayers At City Mosques

Invoke Blessings Of Lord To Bring About Unity Among Co-Religionists

BOMBAY, Friday.

Holding up their hands in respectful veneration to the Almighty, devout Muslims of Bombay, gathered in their thousands in prominent mosques of the City, and thanked God for his "boundless mercy in having relieved the Muslims from the oppression and injustice of the Congress regime which sought to trample upon their rights and would have ultimately enslaved them".

Muslim Shops Closed

Till a late hour on Thursday night Muslim League workers were busy putting the finishing touches to the programme for the "Day of Deliverance."

Muslim localities rigged out in colourful festoons and buntings and greeneries wore a festive appearance. The bazar areas, however, appeared comparatively deserted as most of the Muslim shops remained closed.

Four archways named after prominent Muslims have been put up in different parts of the city. An archway erected at the entrance of Tamba-Kanta has been named "Jinnah Gate." Three other gates erected at Kholsa Mohalla and Narayan Dhuru Street have been named "Sir Sikandar Gate," "Sir M. Saadulla Gate" and "Fazlul Huq Gate" after the Premiers of the Punjab, Assam and Bengal.

As the time for Juma prayers arrived, Muslims in their hundreds trekked towards the mosques. The beggar in his tatters the gentleman in his trim suit and evening hat, the tall Afghan in his turban and the bhora in his fez all mingled in true Islamic spirit, in offering the Juma prayers.

The police 'bundobust' was perfect. After the Juma prayers, the special prayer was read.

SPECIAL PRAYER AT JUMA MASJID

The biggest congregation was at the Juma Masjid where over a thousand Muslims and several representatives of minority communities joined in a special prayer at 1-15 p.m., immediately after the usual Juma prayers. Prominent among those present were Mr. Abdul Latif Curte, J. P., Mr. M. I. Haindade, J. P., Mr. M. H. Paloba and Moulvi Abdul Rahman Bhaiji. The Parsis were represented by Mr. Dorabji Rustomji Bulsara.

Qazi Amiruddin Khateeb led the special prayers in the spacious hall of the Juma Masjid. The Kazi who spoke in Urdu invoked the blessings of the Lord to bring about unity and discipline amongst the Muslims of India and to give them strength to prevent the dominance of any oppressive rule which disregarded the rights of the weak and the minorities.

PRAYERS AT JACKERIA MASJID

It was not a big crowd that attended the Deliverance Day prayers at Jackeria Masjid. A few policemen were stationed at the street corner, and opposite the Masjid. The only incident of any interest was the presence near the Masjid of two old Parsis, who were distributing "Chana and Kurmara" to the beggars waiting at the Masjid door.

The usual prayers were gone through, after which the "Deliverance-Day" prayers were uttered. All the Hindu shops in the locality are open and business was as usual.

SIGNIFICANCE OF SPECIAL PRAYERS

Removal Of Property Tax Urged

After the ordinary and special prayers were over, Mr. Suleman Oomer, President of the Hamidia Mosque at Pydhonie, in a speech explained the significance of the special prayers to the congregation. He emphasised that the present dispute was mainly between the Congress Ministries and Muslim minorities, and the question of "humiliating the Hindu public" did not arise.

Islam forbade oppression, in any form, of any human being, and that was why prior to the assumption of office by the Congress Ministries, Muslims had refrained from criticising the Congress. But the taxation policy of the Congress, especially the Property and the Sales Taxes, entailed enormous hardships on the middle and the poor class people, after paralysing and crippling the business activities of the Muslims.

REMOVE PROPERTY TAX

He appealed to the present Government to remove the Property Tax, as it was unjust and iniquitous.

After the prayers and the speech over, Muslim devotees came out of the mosque in groups.

PARSI SUPPORT FOR JINNAH

The Parsi Prohibition Protest Committee appointed by the Samast Parsi Zoroastrian Anjuman meeting of 29th March, 1939, at a meeting held on the 19th instant, noted with satisfaction that the Muslim League under the leadership of Mr. M. A. Jinnah has called a meeting for to-day inviting all non-Congressmen who felt that during the 27 months of Congress rule in eight provinces of India, great injustice had been done to large numbers of people.

MUSLIM INTERESTS JEOPARDISED

Women Join Anti-Congress Rally

A public meeting of the Muslim women of Bombay was held to observe the "Day of Deliverance" under the auspices of the Bombay Provincial Muslim League Women's Sub-Committee.

The meeting was presided over by Begum Hafizuddin and was addressed by Mrs. Shufi Tyabji, Mrs. Sakina, K. A. Somjee, Mrs. Sultana Faizal Husein, Miss Meherbanoo M. Visram and others.

NOT AGAINST HINDUS

Begum Hafizuddin in the course of a brief speech said that the Muslim women in Bombay and

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Edgar Wallace Detective Story Day By Day

INSPECTOR WADE — **THE JUG OF DEATH**

LOOK AT THAT, DON! BLOWN SKYHIGH!
HERE'S TH'OWNER, H'INSPECTOR WADE . . . MR. BAILEY. . . .
CAN'T UNDERSTAND IT. . . . ALL OF A SUDDEN BOOM! UP SHE GOES!
THESE ARE BOMB FRAGMENTS, BAILEY/ . . . SOMEONE HAD IT IN FOR YOU - WHO WAS IT?
IT-IT WAS ACCIDENTAL, I TELL YOU!
FOR THE LAST TIME - WHO THREW THIS BOMB THRU YOUR WINDOW?
I---NO, I'M NOT TALKING!
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